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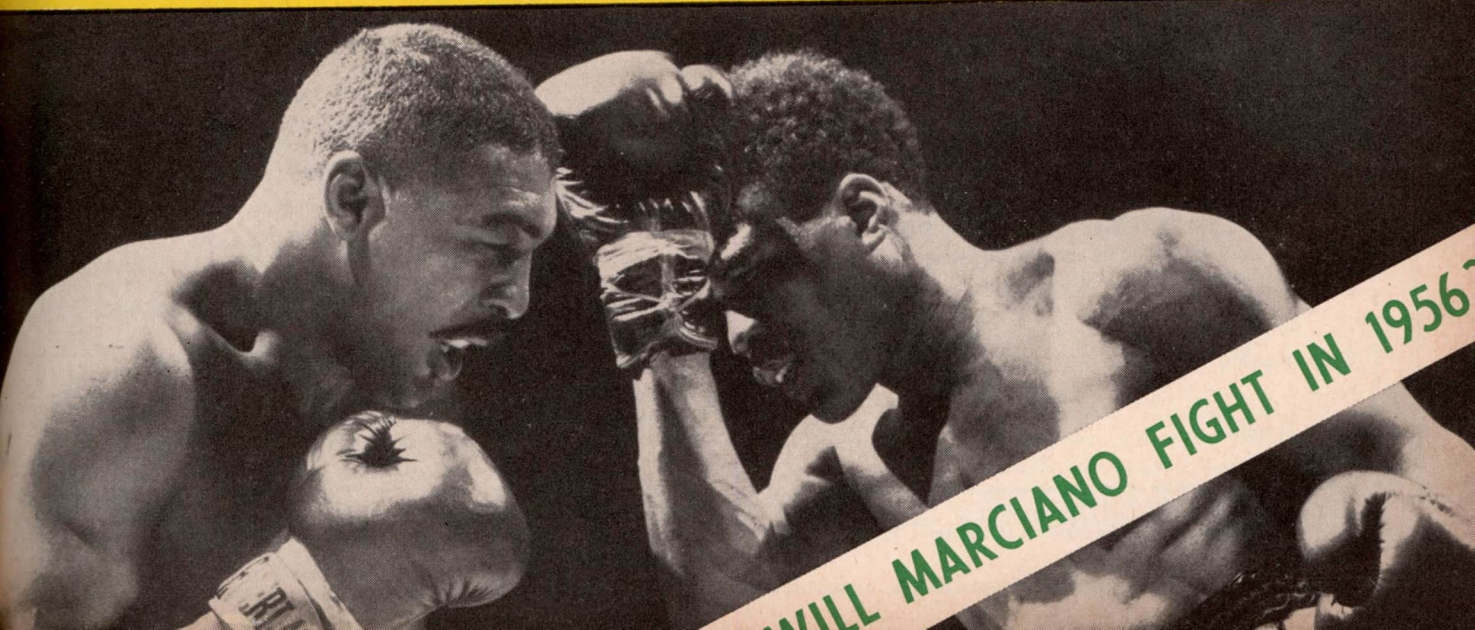

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FROM OUR READERS

SCORING A WEIGHTY PROBLEM

May I have your expert opinion upon a question a number of nationally known sports writers have disregarded, insofar as my direct questions to them are concerned.

We know that all boxers are placed in weight categories, the question of age, experience, reach, etc., having absolutely no bearing on the categories. Here, I'm not dealing with the problems of match-making.

No match-maker in his right mind would match an *unrated flyweight* against a *rated featherweight*, for obvious reasons.

All too often, though, we have seen fighters in any given category outweighing their opponents from 2 to 35 or more pounds.

Now here is the gist of my contention: Let us, for example, take two middleweights, one weighing 160, the other, 152. With such a marked discrepancy in weight, how can judges and referee call any round a draw? In my method of *handicap scoring*, the lighter man would win any round considered a draw.

This question of weight discrepancy, I believe, is due for serious consideration by yourself and other boxing experts and authorities.

My plan places a weight handicap in each weight category. When that weight handicap is exceeded by one of the fighters, all *draw* rounds should go automatically to the lighter man, even in a title fight.

Hugo F. Scatena, Fairfield, Conn.

Weight differences must not be taken into consideration in decisions. A boxer must know what he is going in for when he arranges a handicap match.

SAVE OUR LIGHTER DIVISIONS

I have been a follower of boxing and faithful reader of The Ring for nearly 15 years. What I'm writing today is a complaint about our lighter divisions.

How much longer are we boxing fans going to have to put up with the calibre of championship fights we have been seeing the past few years? I'm referring to champions and their managers using hand picked challengers while commissions look the other way.

Sandy Saddler finally got around to defending his crown. He fought ninth ranking Flash Elorde. What was wrong with Fred Galiana and Carmelo Costa? Throw in Ciro Morasen for good measure.

In my opinion, Saddler was very lucky indeed to get past Elorde and keep his title.

Another question in my mind; when is Robert Cohen going to get around to a title bout? Let's have some good bouts with top men and the lighter divisions will flourish again. James A. Courtney, Greensburg, Indiana.

CHUCK SPEISER WRONGED?

We had just finished watching what the officials and the announcer on this Friday night fight considered a draw bout between Pastrano and Speiser. Do they now judge on how fast an opponent can "back peddle"? If they do, then Willie Pastrano would be a good match for Wes Santee in the mile.

Don't they consider a fighter's aggressiveness, defense, and sportsmanship in the scoring? If so, how could this particular fight end in a draw when Speiser held the advantage on all counts? It seems as though Pastrano believes his press clippings, also the people that write them, and perhaps the officials who score his bouts.

Hail a much wronged Chuck Speiser.

Two ardent but greatly disappointed fight fans. J. W. Turskey and E. E. Moore, Hyattsville, Maryland.

Every fan is entitled to his opinion, but the official decision is what counts.

JERSEY JOE LIKE LANGFORD; SADDLER LIKE BILLY GOAT

MR. FLEISCHER:

I do not know if you ever saw Langford in his prime, but I somehow have a feeling that you did, as you were a reporter around that time.

I only saw him once. He was a real specimen of a fighter. In all the pictures I have seen of Langford, none do him justice.

Langford had very broad shoulders. His body tapered down to a narrow waist. His hips were not very large but he had nice developed legs. Of course his arms were long, but otherwise he was a picture of a fighter. The nearest to him in build was Joe Walcott of New Jersey. Only Walcott was taller and lighter in color.

Nat, do you know up until Saddler's last fight, I was getting to a point where I thought he was going to be the greatest fighter pound for pound of them all, but he has become another BILLY GOAT. Since his hitch in the Army, he has not been right.

George Ross, Chicopee Falls, Mass.

YOURS FOR A CLEAN SPORT

I am writing this to you regarding the dirty fight I saw on TV between Sandy Saddler and Flash Elorde in San Francisco. Though Elorde had a bad cut over his eye, Saddler kept rubbing his head against the wound and went after it at every opportunity. Saddler should have been disqualified for his rough tactics. He is not a sportsman and doesn't deserve holding on to his title.

Though the officials all had Saddler ahead, I had Elorde in front because of penalties inflicted for his foul tactics. Where was the referee to allow such work without penalizing Saddler?

Yours for Fair Play,

Harry Lewis, Athens, New York

See Nat Fleischer Says for comment.

INCOMPETENCE? ONE MAN'S OPINION

I have been a Ring reader for many years and believe the sport deserves our support. But I'm wondering how we can continue to support boxing when such foul tactics are permitted by a referee as was allowed in the fight between Saddler and Elorde.

Ray Flores should be banned as a referee. He permitted Saddler to use dirty tactics without warning him more than once. Heeling, butting, use of the elbows and head, hitting on the break while Referee Flores was holding Elorde—all were permitted. I call that incompetence on the part of the third man for which he should be penalized.

All I can say for Saddler, fortunate for him he doesn't defend his crown in a foreign country.

C. Cochran, Boston, Mass.

I WAS THERE

I first became a boxing enthusiast in the year 1887, joined one of the boxing clubs in my native city of Birmingham, England. Was in Bingley Hall when Billy Plimmer received a rousing reception on his return from the United States in 1892 after defeating Dixon for the world's lightweight crown.

He gave a brilliant exhibition of boxing. His opponent—the lightweight champion of England.

I recall the 72-round fight of John L. Sullivan and Jake Kilrain. Down through the years I have seen all the movies of the big fights since Bob

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The political influence is strongly felt in the sport of boxing, too often to the detriment of the game. Can the politicos continue to run the game and boxing grow prosperous and strong? Jersey Jones, in an interesting article, tells of some of the ineptness and shortcomings of men in responsible positions who have hurt the sport. They say the era of the small club is gone but Al Buck takes you into the Miami Beach Auditorium and gives you a ringside seat at some of the best fights in the country, put on by promoter Chris Dundee. That club, and a number of others like it, are making a go of it as the small arenas once again gain prominence.

Carmen Basilio, the Canastota Clouter, puts his world welterweight title on the line, this time against Johnny Saxton, former champion, in Chicago. The Ring gives you complete coverage of the championship fight from ringside, in words and pictures.

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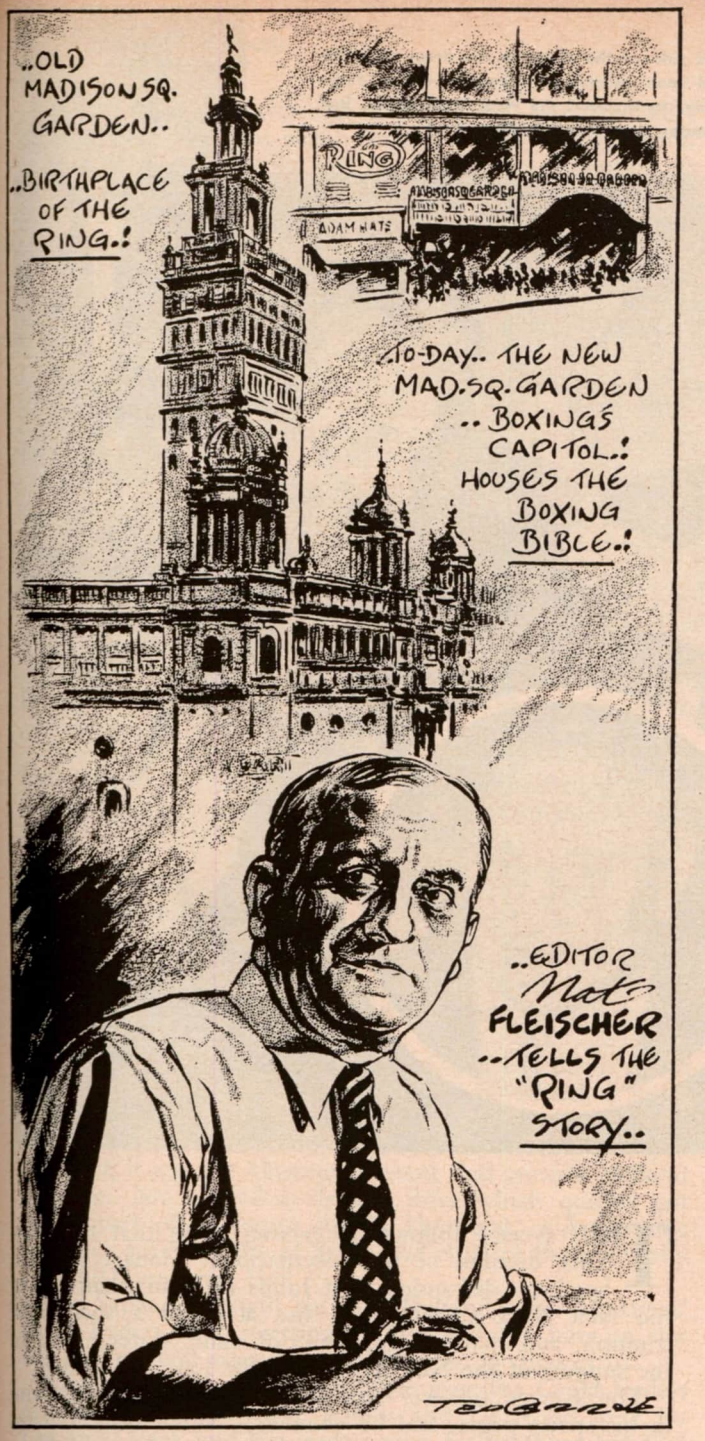

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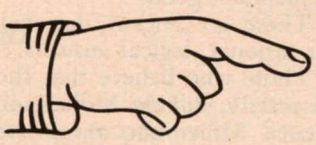

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What Recent Investigations Mean to Public

By DAN M. DANIEL

THE average follower of boxing notes that the New York division of the International Managers' Guild has been disbanded, that Julius Helfand, chairman of the New York Commission, has achieved a spectacular triumph, and that the governors of many states rallied to the support of the New York drive for Law and Order.

The average follower sees all this summed up for him in his sports pages, and he wonders, "What does it mean for me, for boxing around the United States, for the fighters themselves?

"Are we coming to a new dawning, to a New Deal? Are the machinations of under-cover managers to be things of the past? Are combinations in restraint of honest competition by honest boxers managed by honest men to be swept out of boxing? Is the NBA to become a force for tremendous good?"

These are cogent, rational, sensible questions that call for rational, logical answers.

Those who believe that the rout of the New York Guild means the Boxing Millenium are due for a big disappointment. Milleniums always are off in the dim future.

However, the Helfand victory does mean that, at least in the state of New York, there is a boxing administration which means to drive out the schemers and the finaglers and that the handwriting is on the wall for the NBA and for all the Commissions which hold membership in that association.

THAT NBA RESOLUTION WHICH FLOUTS N. Y.

At its annual convention not so long ago the NBA adopted two reslutions which backed up the Helfand drive. Then, in a third resolution, the association thumbed its nose at the New York commission chief and announced that if a boxer's pilot were suspended, the fighter could sign contracts for continued action in the ring.

This resolution tracing to basic policies of the Illinois and Massachusetts Commissions which refuse to take a realistic view of what has been going on, flouts what Helfand has accomplished.

Under Resolution No. 3, as Helfand explained at the New York Boxing Writers' dinner, a boxer may split his revenue with a suspended manager. Under Resolution No. 3, there can be no penalty for a manager found guilty of dishonest and otherwise illegal actions.

It would have been a lot better if the NBA had resolved to force all the managers out of business and had provided for the boxers' acting for themselves.

In the meantime, the air is a lot clearer than it was before Helfand put the schemers to rout, and forced a deleterious outfit to go out of business.

The International Guild had operated in New York with the belief that the Commission never would have the nerve and gumption to fight it to a showdown.

Those who led the Guild into its mal-practices never believed that the Law would take cognizance of their operations, would bother with boxing managers and their way of life.

BOYCOTT ON MARTINEZ TOUCHED OFF EXPLOSION

It never had occurred to the leaders of the Managers' Guild that their intense preoccupation with television revenues would result in the Law's becoming interested in their methods.

When, after dropping Bill Daly, Guild executive, as his manager, Vince Martinez found himself boycotted, it never occurred to the Guild Managers' group that this situation could not endure.

In fact, it was the Martinez boycott that aroused Helfand to action, and started a cleanup drive which quickly got the support of Governor Averill Harriman, and Carmine De Sapio, his Secretary of State, and chief of the politically powerful Tammany Hall.

"De Sapio never will back up Helfand," the Managers' Guild leaders kept insisting. "We will get him on our side, and we will arouse the unions also, to support us."

Neither the unions nor De Sapio gave the Guild leaders that support, because the unions and De Sapio were for Law and Order, and the leaders were for anything but that combination.

Soon came a very important development. A Federal Grand Jury in Cleveland, backed by the Department of Justice, indicted Charley Johnston and Bill Daly, general president and general treasurer, of the International Guild, and Albert Del Monte, president of the Boxing Guild of Ohio and his organization.

ATTORNEY GENERAL CHARGED "COERCIVE BOYCOTTS"

Attorney General Brownell announced that the indictments "strike at alleged coercive boycotts which have restricted free enterprise and have thus deprived the public of the benefit of open competition."

The indictments charged that since 1952 the defendants have subjected non-member managers, dissident members, and promoters disapproved by the International or its affiliates, to an organized boycott."

In short, the Guild had run afoul of the law outside of the state of New York as well as within the jurisdiction of Helfand's commission.

Promoter Tex Sullivan of St. Nick's (right) confers with his lawyer Francis Adams during the hearing on charges that Sullivan and his partner Willie Gilzenberg had knowingly consorted with criminals. At this time Commissioner Helfand has not made his final ruling known.

Not only that. The Guild had forced action by Federal authorities, and its way of doing business had been held up for public scrutiny, without any credit to Guild leaders.

Followers of boxing were impressed with the fact that anybody who was fighting those leaders was intent on the welfare of the sport, and the best interests of the public supporting it.

Helfand got a tremendous assist from Jim Norris, president of the International Boxing Club.

When they fought Helfand, Guild leaders were sure that by boycotting New York they could force the IBC to shift its headquarters to Chicago.

They figured that this would force Helfand to back down, since it would threaten repeal of the Walker Law, under which boxing functions in New York state.

Helfand was oblivious of threats of any sort. He protested that he was not a promoter of boxing, that he was not a matchmaker. Just an administrator of the laws under which boxing existed in New York.

NORRIS STOOD HIS GROUND, HELPED CAUSE

In this attitude, Helfand was backed again by Governor Harriman.

Confronted with the necessity of making a vital decision, Norris made the right move. He announced that the IBC would continue in New York, that it would operate as best it could if the Guild got nasty.

Had Norris decided to move his headquarters to Chicago, the blow to the Helfand drive would have been very serious.

Now the Guild is out of business. There will be a new association of managers, which will work in cooperation

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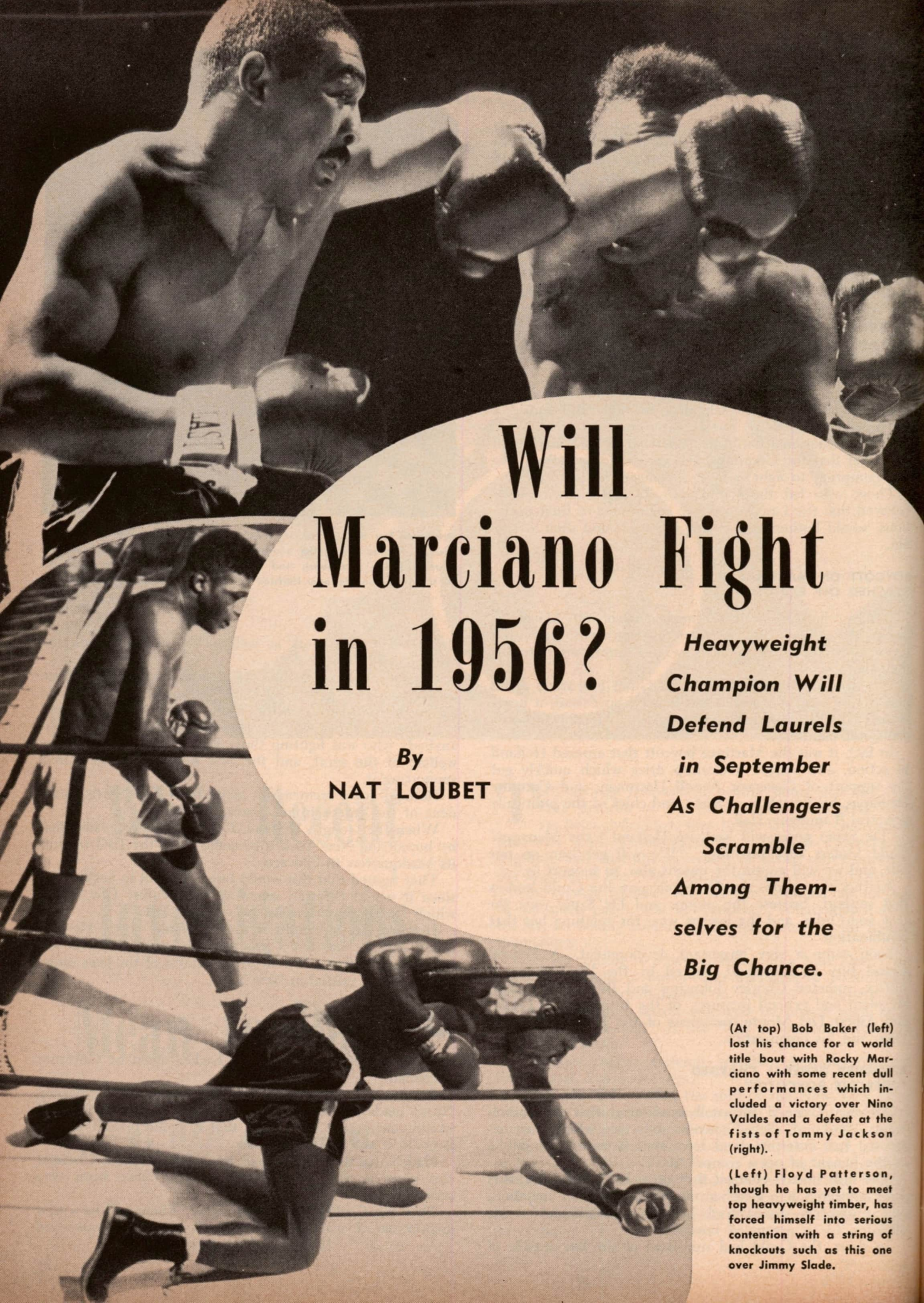


Will Marciano Fight in 1956?

By
NAT LOUBET

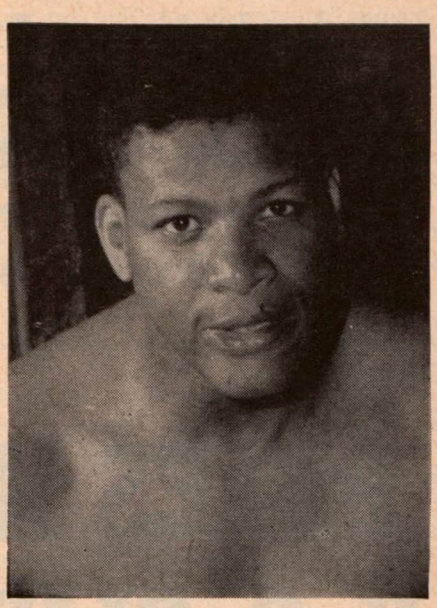
Heavyweight Champion Will Defend Laurels in September As Challengers Scramble Among Themselves for the Big Chance.

(At top) Bob Baker (left) lost his chance for a world title bout with Rocky Marciano with some recent dull performances which included a victory over Nino Valdes and a defeat at the fists of Tommy Jackson (right).

(Left) Floyd Patterson, though he has yet to meet top heavyweight timber, has forced himself into serious contention with a string of knockouts such as this one over Jimmy Slade.

Archie Moore, world light heavyweight champion, defends his title against Yolande Pompey in mid-March. A victory may clinch a return bout with Marciano; a defeat removes him from the picture.

Nino Valdes blows hot and cold. A defeat by Bob Satterfield ruined his chances. A knockout of Don Cockell strengthened his position. A loss to Bob Baker dropped his stock again. A couple of victories can once again make him No. 1 contender.



"*MARCIANO will quit when I tell him to quit,*" Al Weill, manager of the heavyweight champion, announced to a none too startled press.

Rocky laughed off the possibility of quitting "I'm still learning and have a way to go," stated the champ, "and when my time has come I'm sure my manager and trainer will let me know. Until then, my only problem is to give my public a good show with opponents that deserve a shot at my title."

When would he fight next? Rocky left that up to his manager. Certain facts present themself. Were the Rock to fight in June he already would have gone into heavy training. He has not done so.

Marciano needs a lot of conditioning to keep his muscles from binding up and his timing from going sour. Rarely does he take more than a few weeks off between fights and his training chores. He's in light training most of his life. But he needs a long stint of the heavy, arduous camp life to bring his body into a ring with the stamina and superb physical condition that has become the champ's trademark.

Tax problems make it inconvenient for Weill and his charge to have too many big fights. A million dollar gate goes a long way in the revenue setup towards discouraging participation.

At the moment, it would seem that from a financial standpoint, Weill could afford to put his charge into the ring twice, in June and in September. But, Rocky will not fight until September.

Reasons given are that it will take that long to build up a suitable opponent for an outdoor shot. Weill has gone so far as to promise the Pacific Coast a title fight.

The only possibility for a Coast combat would be for the winner of the Johnny Summerlin-Young Jack Johnson match to receive the call. Summerlin is one of the better prospects of recent years and Jackson is the California heavyweight champion.

NEW YORK LIKELY TO GET NEXT FIGHT

However, the locality of the September bout most likely will be New York.

Should Marciano's next defense go outside of New York it would be because it will shape up as a bad match. When a heavyweight championship battle can't be held in New York, it can't be held with any degree of success anywhere else.

The International Boxing Club will promote the next heavyweight championship bout. No serious consideration goes to comments by Weill, that "*the best bidder will get the fight.*" The I.B.C. has the most bacon and can cut it thicker for the champ and challenger than can any other promoter.

Who will get the build up necessary to meet the champ?

The recent Bob Baker-Hurricane Tommy Jackson bout was watched carefully for a future challenger but it didn't help.

Baker, who had an inside track, allowed himself to be put out of the picture. The ten round decision he lost to the unorthodox jungle tactican, Jackson, left him without a claim to put his hat on.

Plagued by brittle hands, which destroyed his effective hitting he had kept himself in the race by a series of thirteen straight victories over fair name opponents. His 1955 record helped him stack up wins over men like Willie James and his three bout series with a washed up Rex Layne, who in his last fight in Germany was easily defeated by Hans Friedrich, an unheralded opponent.

Baker's big chance came when he faced Nino Valdes, who fresh off a three round knockout over Don Cockell, has regained some measure of prominence.

Baker beat Nino in a slow, boring bout that was very revealing to the television audience. To sell him as a possible champ became that much tougher.

Careful eyes began an evaluation of the heavyweight picture. How about the "Hurricane"? His bubble burst back in 1954 when he dropped a decision to Jimmy Slade after his six round knockout over Dan Bucceroni. His stock dropped further when he was iced by Valdes in two rounds. But he bounced back in 1955 splitting a pair of decisions with Slade and built himself into a fair question mark in the minds of the fans.

His interesting style plus wins over Archie McBride, Ezzard Charles and Rex Layne put him into a position for the Baker fight.

BAKER PUT UP SLOW, UNINSPIRED FIGHT

The outcome of the Baker bout didn't help much in evaluating the heavyweight hopefulls. Baker fought a despondent, slow moving, seemingly indifferent fight with an occasional show of life but a complete dearth of color.

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Basic differences in styles between Americans and amateurs from other countries biggest drawback to U.S. 1956 chances . . .

RULES HURT U. S. OLYMPIC CHANCES

By LESTER BROMBERG

"AMERICAN, you're holding!"

This is the one English phrase that Olympic boxing officials, whatever their origin, know and do not hesitate to call on U. S. boxers.

In fact, to a large degree the fortunes of our 1956 team will hinge on the enforcement of the ultra-strict international rules during the forthcoming games in Australia.

Four years ago in Helsinki, our amateurs—and they really are amateurs—captured five individual titles. This was a record for modern Olympic boxing. In 1904, with only a few nations competing, we won seven.

Our 1952 performance constituted a startling triumph over known handicaps in the face of officiating, which purposely or not, is stacked against us.

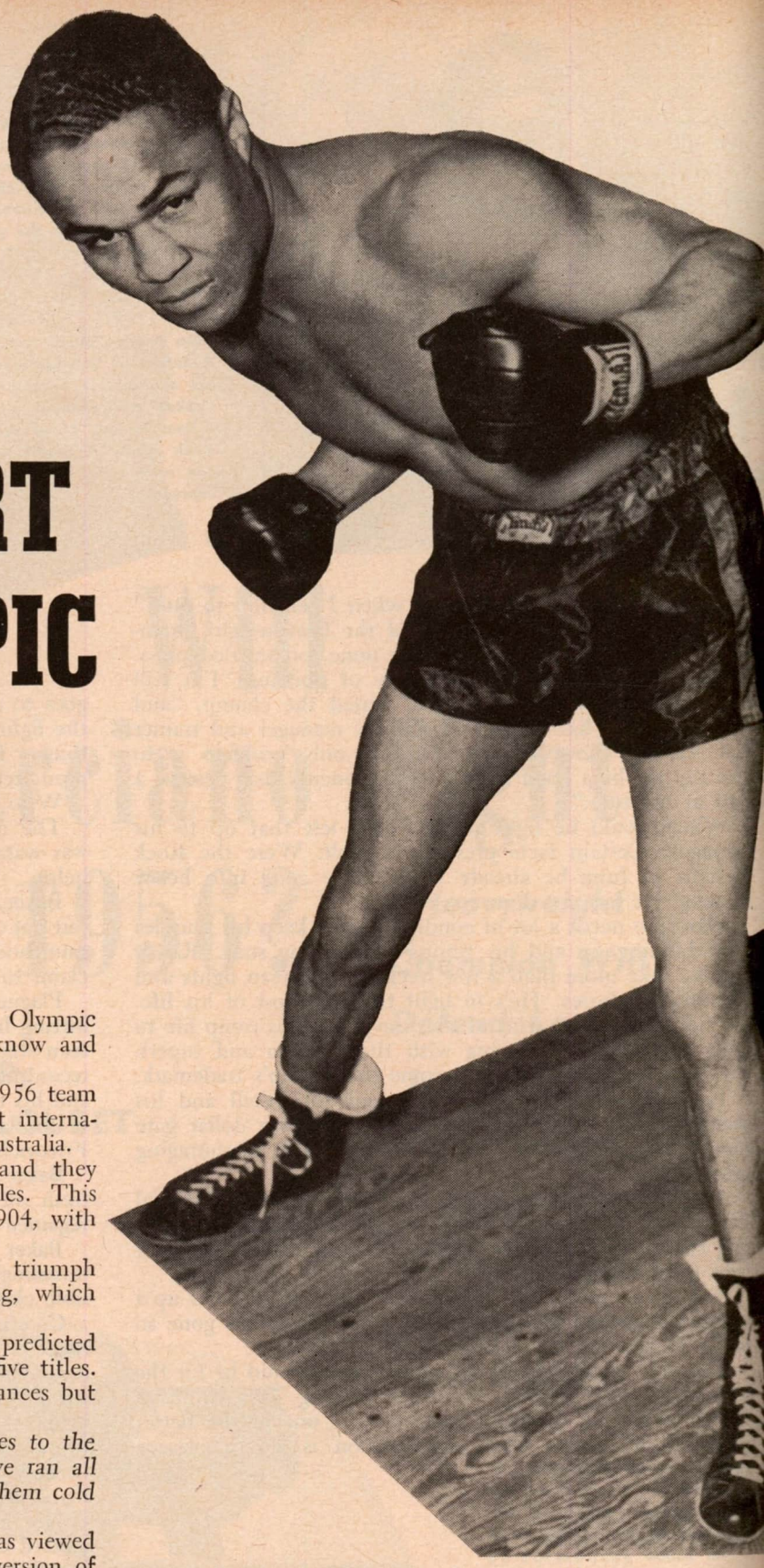
Pete Mello, important coach in that year, predicted correctly on the eve of departure that we'd win five titles. Pete is not talking for publication on our '56 chances but offers this helpful hint.

"We will do just so well as we adapt ourselves to the rules. We were successful in Finland because we ran all our trials under Olympic rules. The boys knew them cold when they got over there."

The average American follower of pro boxing, as viewed on TV, probably would be bored stiff by the version of the game displayed in the Olympics. There is little contact, it's excessively polite and consequently pretty unexciting.

Perhaps the best tipoff comes from the last games, where Norval Lee, Washington, D. C., veteran and light heavyweight winner, was voted as "best boxer" by an international jury.

-Lee, in his thirties, only retired recently after more than a dozen years as an amateur, yet he never even contem-



Former triple champion Hammerin' Henry Armstrong, one of Boxing's greats, would have been a poor Olympic fighter. His rip 'em, tear 'em style would have been given no credit by the international amateur officials, in fact he probably would have been disqualified for so called unsportsmanlike conduct.

plated capitalizing his simon-pure reputation by turning pro.

The reason was clear: he himself realized he wouldn't make a hit in pro fighting here, since he was styled according to the Olympic book.

What does the Olympic book call for?

As outlined by Mello, the three points on which Olympic rules allow no exceptions are (1) BREAKING ON VOICE COMMAND, (2) KEEPING CLEAR OF CLINCHES, (3) AVOIDING "DANGEROUS" DUCKING.

"Here's the thing," Pete explained. *"In Europe even the pros are accustomed to breaking on a call from the referee. It goes back to the old days when they didn't even have a referee in the ring. He used to sit outside and call to them. But Americans, amateurs or pros, they expect to have a referee get in there with them and help them break clean. Maybe it's our part of our temperament. Our fellows get carried away with the spirit of the bout and it takes somebody from the outside to put a hand on them and remind them of the rules."*

The problem in holding is a matter of judgment, according to Mello.

Americans, by habit, like to fight on the inside, often slipping out of a temporary lockup to punch with a free hand, going back into the clinch for a moment, then lashing out as they get loose.

"You've seen this time and again," he reminded. *"And I've heard referees instruct fighters, 'fight your way in and out of clinches.'"*

There are no concessions in the Olympic code.

"They just want the two fighters to be clear of each other whether they are punching or not, in other words no defensive tieing up at any time."

The ban on "dangerous" ducking borders on the ridiculous by standards here. This explicitly prohibits bending below the waist at close or long range.

As can be seen, it automatically throws out the bobber and weaver, the traditional 'natural' fighter of American fistic history . . . . no Jack Dempsey, no Henry Armstrong, among countless others, ever could get to first base, were those limitations imposed in our pro boxing.

One might liken this situation to that which obtains in horse racing. The Olympic boxer is the trotter or the pacer, subject to severe rules as to the method of performance. The American fighter, by instinct and environment, is the running horse, allowed to gallop, trot or even fly so long as there's no flagrant foul against anybody else.

Mello is not narrow-minded and he understands the motive of those responsible for the Olympic rules.

"They're afraid that a fighter who bends below the waist may bring his head up and butt the other fighter unintentionally," he said.

"But those European fellows are all right when you can put your point across to them," he added.

In Helsinki, at a meeting of coaches and officials, Mello and Steve Klaus, an American coaching the Italian team, demonstrated how they had taught their fighters to bend, or crouch, to avoid punches, and NOT to come up butting.

Those who didn't know English nodded agreement and officiating on that score proved more lenient than it has been in the past.

"But don't forget," Pete said, *"we worked on our boys, too. In every workout we stressed what would lose points for them and tried to condition them to having a referee who would talk to them, rather than touch them."*

Of course, there was no accounting for the weird things that some Olympic referees do.

Mello recalled a lightweight match in '52 between a Russian and an Argentine, with a Finn refereeing. The Russian's eye was cut badly in the second round. Then and there the Finn stopped the fight and allowed the Russian's handlers to work on the eye, with the round resuming when the job was finished.

Floyd Patterson, 1952 Olympic 165 pound champion, who is now being mentioned as Rocky Marciano's next opponent.

Col. Eddie Eagan, who in 1920 won the Olympic light heavyweight crown. Eagan feels that if the American boys stick to clever boxing they will win.

Norvel Lee, who in 1952 won the light heavyweight title, was a career amateur, who recently retired. Lee knew that his style of book fighting would not have made a hit as a professional.

Steve Klaus, former American Olympic coach who is now active in training the Italian team. He is another who feels that the Olympic rules are too strict.

"But you know what happened after they resumed?" Mello said, "the first time the Argentine got in close, the referee disqualified him for holding and gave the match to the Russian!"

However, relations between the Russian team and officials and our people were excellent at Helsinki.

It seems that the Russians wanted to watch some of the other teams train before the games got under way and many countries rebuffed them.

When Pete and J. T. Owens of the American staff heard about it, they sent a message to the Russians to come on over.

"Five big husky guys walked in with their English interpreter, a Miss Nightingale," Pete said, "and I told her to tell them that we had nothing to hide. They came around three days in a row and I noticed one of them scrawling names on a sheet of paper, I guess it was a list of our men and when they worked. I told her that they didn't have to bother with that, I'd give them a copy of our work

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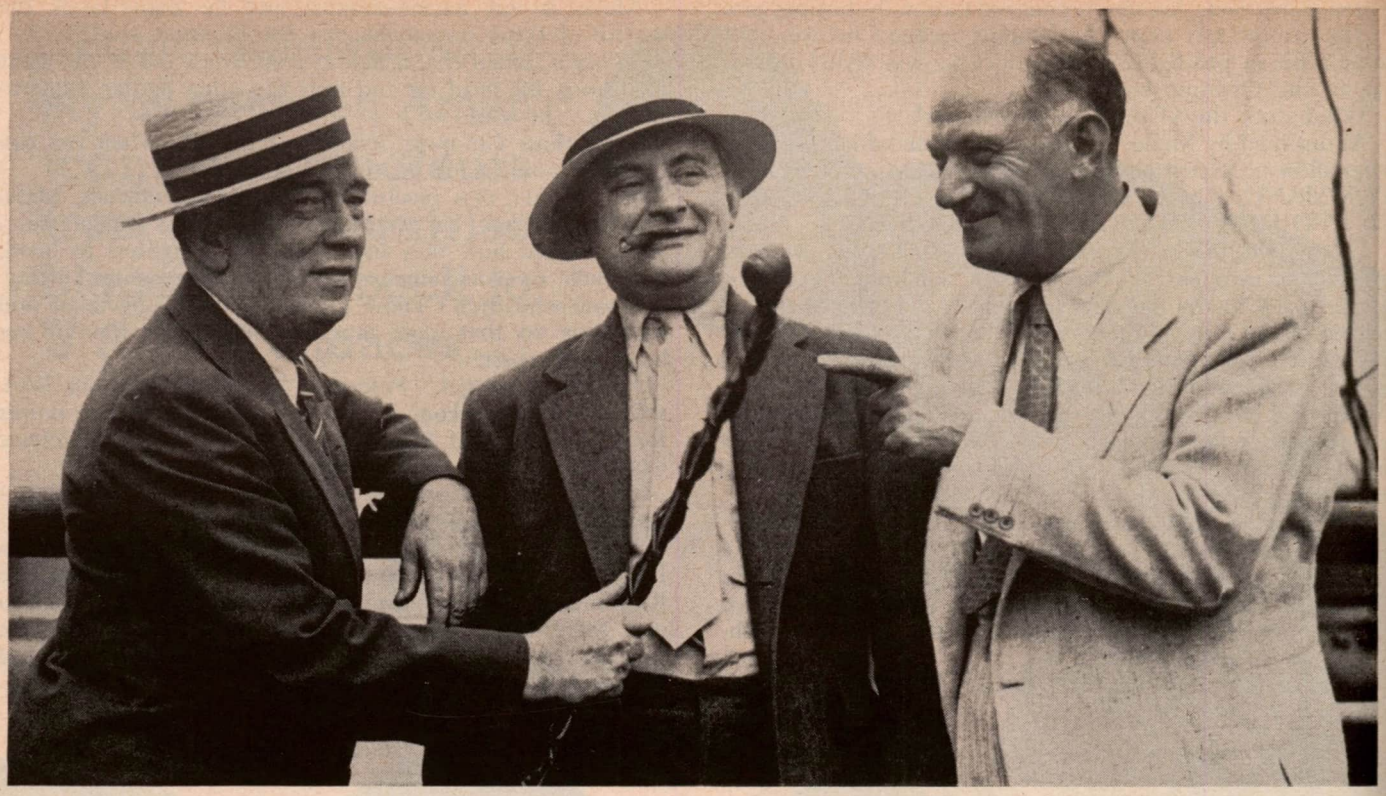

(Above) It's good to be a fight manager when you hold an ace card like Max Schmeling was in the mid-Thirties. Joe Jacobs (center), his manager, is surrounded by offers from rival promoters, Jimmy Johnston (left) and Mike Jacobs.

(Below) Taken for a Ride. Jimmy McLarnin, training for his fight with Barney Ross for the welterweight title in 1934, at Gus Wilson's camp at Orangeburg, N. Y., does a little free wheeling for his manager Pop Foster. They made a winning combination.

So You Want to be A MANAGER?

By AL BUCK

TO the young man thinking about becoming a fight manager the best advice is, don't! It can be a bitter cup of tea. No matter how smart you are, you can be no bigger than your fighter. If he becomes a champion, great. If he doesn't, you've wasted your time.

So you want to be a fight manager?

Nobody takes advice, especially when it is unsolicited. You may have seen a promising kid in the Golden Gloves. Perhaps he is a kid from the neighborhood and you've been carrying his pail in the amateur tournaments. He's your pal, and you've been around watching how the pros do it.

Why not manage him now that he has won a watch and an A.A.U. championship and is going to turn professional anyway? Why not?

First there is a contract to be signed. Then it must be approved by the Boxing Commission. To be legal, he has to get 66⅔ of what he earns. The expenses come off the top. Usually the Commission limits the document to two years.

What do you do next? Get him a fight?

First he should have a competent trainer. A fellow like Whitey Bimstein, or perhaps Freddie Brown. If he is a Charley Goldman, he will also function as a trainer. Gold-

Jack Kearns (left), manager of Jack Dempsey (center), world heavyweight champion, maneuvered his fighter into some tremendous purses, including the first million dollar gate. Here they are signing for a big fight with promoter Tex Rickard (right).

man took Rocky Marciano step by step from a preliminary lad in Holyoke, Mass., to the world heavyweight champion.

You have to carry the financial load until the kid starts to make money. He may have obligations at home, and he can't hold a steady job as he is working out in the gym everyday. The trainer will look after his physical condition. You're the business manager of the firm. You have to keep the books, and see he gets work and take care of the boy's needs.

PERHAPS you know a matchmaker. If you don't, somebody will come along who does. He'll want a slice of the purse just for introducing you to the right people. You have to be careful not to fall into the hands of a racketeer. Your kid is straight. You have to keep him that way.

You have to know an opponent's style before signing for a match. Is your boy a puncher? A clever boxer? Which is best for your boy? And once the lad is on his way, fighting more or less regularly, you have to know when to move him up in class.

Your compensation will come when he makes the grade, when he is established as a leading contender ready to fight for the championship.

By then you've mastered the art of publicity. You've met the sports writers. They will judge your fighter on ability alone, but good public relations help. You have to tell 'em little human interest stories about your boy, even if you have to invent them.

The pay-off is the title. The boy is champ, and you're his manager. You can sit down with the promoter and demand a fair share of the television money. In the video age, you'll have to sign an exclusive services contract, perhaps for three years, but you'll work steady. The situation isn't like it used to be when hundreds of clubs operated throughout the U.S.A.

Now a manager has to get his fighter on the coaxial cable. Either that or he's a nobody.

You can't be forced to join a Guild. The guilds have been eliminated by Julius Helfand, chairman of the New York Commission. You will have to be on your guard to see nobody steals your fighter when the contract expires. Two years is a short time in which to develop a champion.

The kid is your pal, but he likes to eat. Money talks and may be he is being whispered to, perhaps by the trainer. It has happened.

SO you still want to be a fight manager? Well, it can be fun.

The late Joe Jacobs for instance, will be remembered for his big black cigar and his colorful phrases. Remember when Jack Sharkey took the heavyweight crown from Max Schmeling on a close one? The quick witted Jacobs grabbed the radio "mike" and shouted to the country: "We Wuz *Robbed.*"

And again when attending a World Series game with Mike Jacobs on a cold October day in Chicago, he gained immortality with the remark: "*I should have stood in bed.*"

Perhaps you've heard Joe Jacobs was as much a press agent as a manager. How he told the sports writers Joe Louis had a "gimmick" in his glove when he knocked out Schmeling in a round? Joe was building-up Tony Galento to fight Louis, but the stunt back-fired.

What is a gimmick? A piece of iron covered by leather. If Louis used one, and of course he didn't, how did he get rid of it in the crowded ring after the knockout? For that fairy tale Jacobs was suspended

James J. Johnston is another manager of whom you have heard. Always wore a derby, an iron hat. It was his trademark.

Jimmy Bronson, who was in Gene Tunney's corner the rainy night he licked Jack Dempsey, always wears a bowtie. In fact he's known as Bowtie Jimmy. A good man too.

DUMB Dan Morgan and Johnston were rivals. Dumb Dan had Jack Britton, while Johnston managed Ted (Kid) Lewis. Britton and Lewis fought 22 times. Many were no decision bouts. The rivals use to hustle to be first on the wire claiming victory for their fighter.

Once, Morgan used to recall, they decided to let nature take its course. They agreed not to race each other to the telegraph office. Morgan looked across the ring in the ninth round and discovered Johnston wasn't there. Dan grabbed his hat and started for Western Union. There he met Johnston about to send the usual wire.

"*We both laughed and agreed to call that one a draw,*" Dumb Dan said afterwards. You won't have to worry about newspaper decision. No-decision bouts went out with high button shoes.

Billy McCarney, a teller of tall tales, was Joe Jacobs' partner in managing Mike McTigue. Mike won the light-heavyweight title on his own by persuading Battling Siki to fight him in Dublin on St. Patrick's Day. When he returned to America in triumph, McTigue was met at the pier by a band and a carriage drawn by four horses. There was a parade.

"*I was real proud of the spontaneous reception until a month afterwards,*" said McTigue. "*Then Jacobs and McCarney billed me for the band and the horse drawn car-*

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THE FIGHTING IRISH

From the time of John L. Sullivan, New England has been the stronghold of the Irish. Latest Celtic to arouse interest is Bobby Murphy.

By TED CARROLL

WHENEVER the character of John L. Sullivan is depicted in play or movie, the portrayal never fails to include a rich Irish brogue. The few remaining oldsters who recall the legendary Boston Strong Boy—venerable Joe Woodman is one of them—attest that liberties are being taken with reality here, and that old John L., his Hibernian heritage notwithstanding, actually spoke with a New England accent not unlike Rocky Marciano's.

Be that as it may, the Irish aura about boxing in New England has been as persistent as the imagined accent attributed to the ancient Hero of the Hub. With many of the best of the New Englanders, Irish nomenclature has had to suffice for Celtic Ancestry, as in the cases of ex-heavyweight king, Lithuanian Jack Sharkey (Cucoskay), one time crack Jewish featherweight Red Chapman (Kaplan), the late great light heavyweight French Canuck Jack Delaney (Chapdelaine), and Italian bantams Andy—from Boston—and Terry —from Providence—Martin (both named Martino) among others.

Recent publicity showered upon young Bob Murphy from Brighton, Massachusetts, brings to mind that there is active in New England an honest to goodness Irisher trying to keep the old John L. tradition from being lost. A few years ago it was Tommy Collins, a tissue paper thin featherweight, whose toothpick arms packed surprising power and who kayoed Willie Pep, but, alas, was just as fragile as he looked when it came to absorbing punishment. Tommy gained a left-handed fame which no doubt will cause him to be remembered when many champions have been forgotten. This stems from the ten knockdown affair with Jimmy Carter, then lightweight champion back in 1953, whom he shouldn't have been matched with in the first place. This so horrified a countrywide television audience, its repercussions were felt in the halls of Congress, with most of the blame being directed at Referee Tommy Rawson. Rawson allowed the one-sided spectacle, known as the Boston Massacre, to continue to such a point that for days following there was an irate aftermath demanding he be prosecuted.

John L. was a heavyweight and in the long years since he claimed the title no Irish heavyweight out of New England has come any closer to the crown than Jim Maloney who wasn't a bad fighter at all. Jim was a good boxer and he could punch, but townsman—by way of Binghamton, N. Y.—Jack Sharkey had a hex on his New England rival. Maloney won a decision over the erratic ex-sailor the first time they met but in three meetings after that Jim finished a poor second. The last of these bouts, reckoned too big for the boys' home bailiwick of Boston was transported to New York's Yankee Stadium back in 1927. They did $232,000 worth of business, in a fight which was to provide a foe for recently deposed champion Jack Dempsey with the winner to meet champ Gene Tunney. Sharkey kayoed Jim in five heats and went on to a controversial loss against Dempsey that same summer.

Maloney bounced right back the following year, 1928, and didn't lose a bout, licking among others, tough Johnny Risko and cagy Jack Renault. Incidentally, among Maloney's lesser victims that year was the present Massachusetts boxing boss, Henry Lamar, a college bred heavyweight, who was in over his head against Maloney and was belted out in three stanzas.

Maloney's ring fortunes deteriorated rapidly after 1928, but he still had enough left in 1930 to upset the Carnera applecart with a ten round decision over the Giant Primo in Boston.

The value of an Irish name at the box office was never better demonstrated than by Maloney, who a few months before the Sharkey match notched a record $200,000 house with Jack Delaney in Madison Sq. Garden, a mark which has withstood the assaults of time and such mitt magnets as Joe Louis, McLarnin, Armstrong, Baer, Graziano, etc., in the 29 years that have passed. Maloney beat Delaney that night.

Maloney was managed by florid faced Dan Carroll, an ex-cop, now passed on, a stereotype of the Boston Irishman, whose St. Patrick Day cards, were received by all those with Irish names in the boxing business, regardless of whether the monickers were spurious or the real McCoy.

Dropping down in the weight scale to the bantam weights, ring students of long standing are agreed that

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-JOHN L.-
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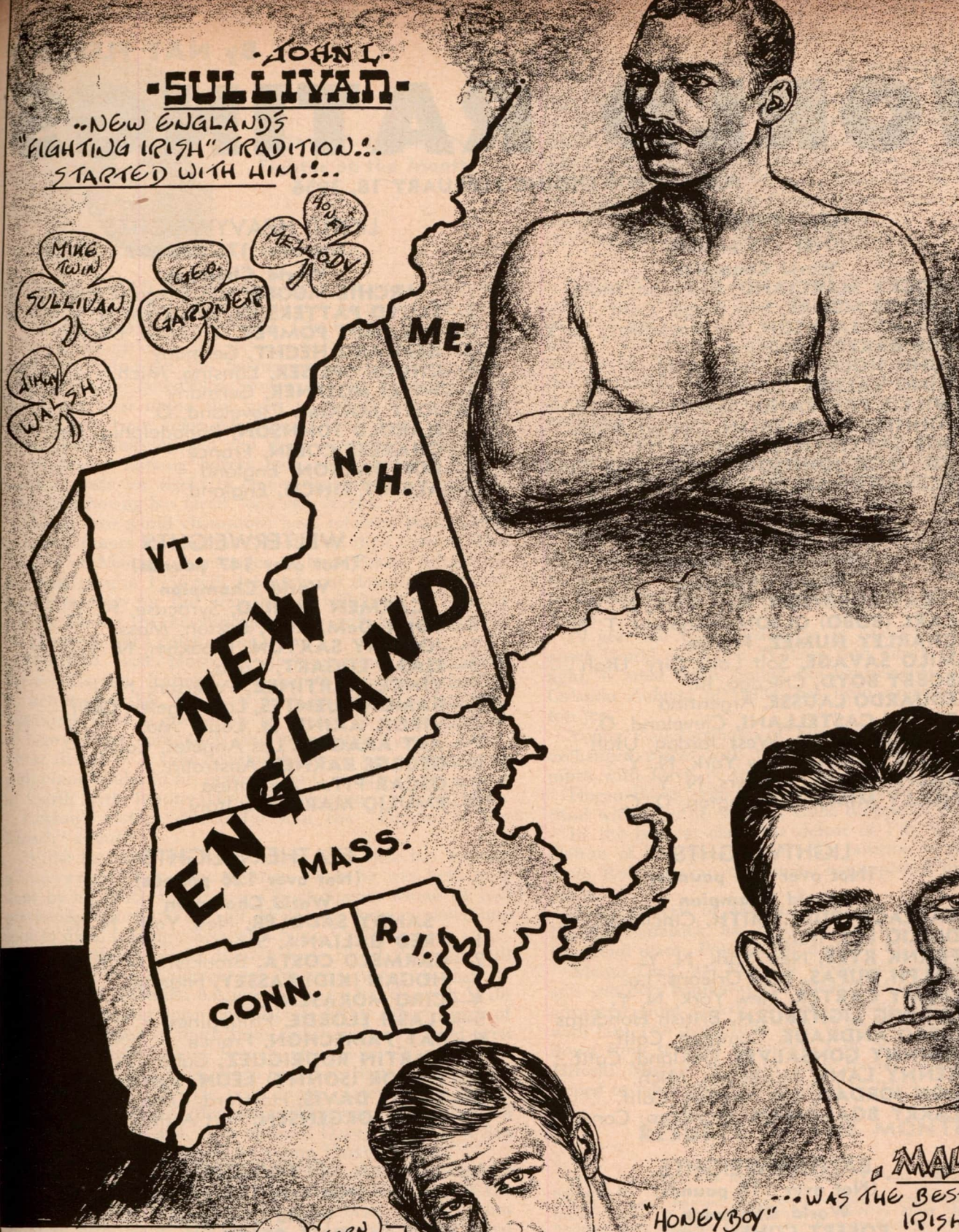

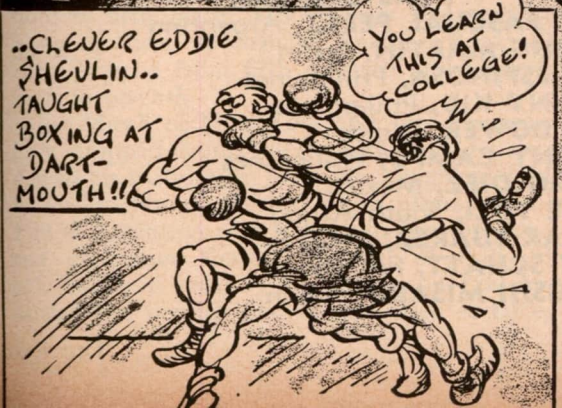

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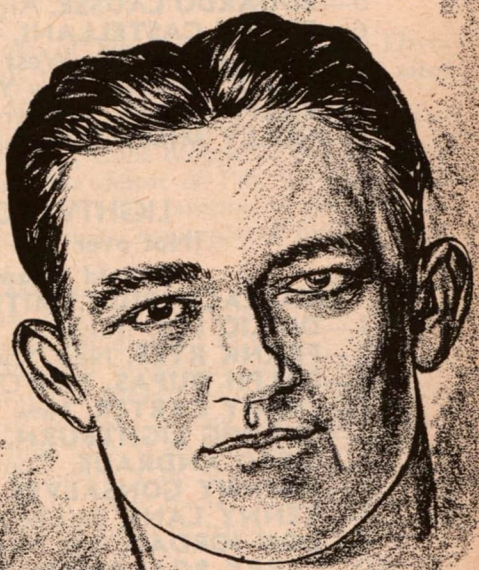


JIM MALONEY ...WAS THE BEST BOSTON IRISH HEAVY SINCE JOHN L..!!

WORLD WAR 2. CLAIMED

By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS

FOR MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 18, 1956

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 pounds)

World Champion
ROCKY MARCIANO, Brockton, Mass.

1—**ARCHIE MOORE,** San Diego, Calif.
2—**TOMMY JACKSON,** Far Rockaway, N. Y.
3—**BOB BAKER,** Pittsburgh, Pa.
4—**JOHN HOLMAN,** Chicago, Ill.
5—**NINO VALDES,** Cuba
6—**WILLIE PASTRANO,** New Orleans, La.
7—**JOHNNY SUMMERLIN,** Detroit, Mich.
8—**BOB SATTERFIELD,** Chicago, Ill.
9—**YG. JACK JOHNSON,** Los Angeles, Calif.
10—**EZZARD CHARLES,** Cincinnati, O.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)

World Champion
ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Calif.

1—**FLOYD PATTERSON,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
2—**YOLANDE POMPEY,** Trinidad, BWI.
3—**GERHARD HECHT,** Germany
4—**CHUCK SPEISER,** Lansing, Mich.
5—**WILLI HOEPNER,** Germany
6—**JOEY MAXIM,** Cleveland, O.
7—**HAROLD JOHNSON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
8—**CHARLES COLIN,** France
9—**RON BARTON,** England
10—**ALBERT FINCH,** England

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)

World Champion
RAY ROBINSON, New York, N. Y.

1—**CARL (BOBO) OLSON,** Honolulu, T. H.
2—**CHARLEY HUMEZ,** France
3—**MILO SAVAGE,** Salt Lake City, Utah
4—**BOBBY BOYD,** Chicago, Ill.
5—**EDUARDO LAUSSE,** Argentina
6—**ROCKY CASTELLANI,** Cleveland, O.
7—**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
8—**ARTIE TOWNE,** New York, N. Y.
9—**RALPH JONES,** Yonkers, N. Y.
10—**HOLLY MIMS,** Washington, D. C.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)

World Champion
CARMEN BASILIO, Syracuse, N. Y.

1—**TONY DeMARCO,** Boston, Mass.
2—**JOHNNY SAXTON,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
3—**ISAAC LOGART,** Cuba
4—**VINCE MARTINEZ,** Paterson, N. J.
5—**RAMON FUENTES,** Los Angeles, Calif.
6—**VIRGIL AKINS,** St. Louis, Mo.
7—**ART ARAGON,** Los Angeles, Calif.
8—**GEORGE BARNES,** Australia
9—**OSCAR PITA,** Argentina
10—**EMULIO MARCONI,** Italy

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)

World Champion
WALLACE (BUD) SMITH, Cincinnati, O.

1—**DUILIO LOI,** Italy
2—**FRANK RYFF,** New York, N. Y.
3—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
4—**JIMMY CARTER,** New York, N. Y.
5—**LUDWIG LIGHTBURN,** British Honduras
6—**CISCO ANDRADE,** Compton, Calif.
7—**JOHNNY GONSALVES,** Oakland, Calif.
8—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
9—**DON JORDAN,** Los Angeles, Calif.
10—**LARRY BOARDMAN,** Marlboro, Conn.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)

World Champion
SANDY SADDLER, New York, N. Y.

1—**FRED GALIANA,** Spain
2—**CARMELO COSTA,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
3—**HOGAN (KID) BASSEY,** Nigeria
4—**CIRO MORASEN,** Cuba
5—**FLASH ELORDE,** Philippines
6—**RAY FAMECHON,** France
7—**MARTIN RODRIGUEZ,** Cuba
8—**VICTOR (SONNY) LEON,** Venezuela
10—**TEDDY DAVIS,** Hartford, Conn.
9—**PAUL JORGENSEN,** Port Arthur, Tex.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)

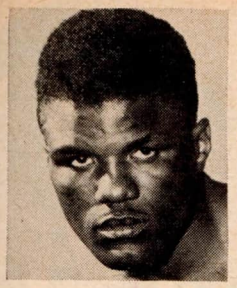
World Champion
ROBERT COHEN, France

1—**MARIO D'AGATA,** Italy
2—**RATON MACIAS,** Mexico
3—**BILLY PEACOCK,** Los Angeles, Calif.
4—**ANDRE VALIGNAT,** France
5—**EMILE CHEMAMA,** France
6—**LITTLE CEZAR,** Philippines
7—**JOSE LOPEZ,** Mexico
8—**PIERRE COSSEMYNS,** Belgium
9—**PETER KEENAN,** Scotland
10—**PIERO ROLLO,** Italy

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)

World Champion
PASCUAL PEREZ, Argentina

1—**YOUNG MARTIN,** Spain
2—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
3—**DANNY KID,** Philippines
4—**DAI DOWER,** Wales
5—**TANNY CAMPO,** Philippines
6—**MEMO DIEZ,** Mexico
7—**JAKE TULI,** South Africa
8—**OSCAR SUAREZ,** Cuba
9—**GUY SCHATT,** France
10—**HITOSHI MISAKO,** Japan



TOMMY JACKSON
Fighter of the Month

INVESTIGATIONS, the break-up of the managers' guild, and the decision of Al Weill not to permit his meal ticket, World Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano to engage in a title defense before next September, apparently didn't set the boxing world up-side-down. Instead of the predicted close down of many clubs the start of the new year found the sport in a healthier condition than at any time since Marciano faced Moore last fall. Several new clubs opened and there was plenty of activity in which top ranking boxers took part. Judging by the matches made for weeks to come, the outlook despite the difficulties boxing has faced, look very bright.

Already two world champions have retained their laurels and several more have set dates to defend their crowns. The decision of Marciano's manager to have Rocky defend his title only once in 1956 will definitely cut down the national boxing revenue for the year, but it will bring on greater activity among the heavyweights who will be fighting for the change to get a crack at the crown.

The Bob Baker-Hurricane Jackson bout in Madison Square Garden featured the month's national boxing. By defeating Baker, the New York Hurricane replaced his Pittsburgh rival as runner-up to Archie Moore in the list of heavyweight contenders and now rates second. Baker, whose defeat by a split decision followed his poor showing with Nino Valdes in his previous bout, dropped from second to fourth with Johnny Holman advancing to third place.

Jackson's victory gained for him the "Fighter of the Month" award.

Willie Pastrano, the New Orleans flash who has become a heavyweight, lost some prestige when he was held to a draw by his much lighter foe, Chuck Speiser whom he had previously beaten. As a result, Willie has dropped down one spot to sixth, trading places with Nino Valdes.

The lightheavyweight division finds Floyd Patterson still the number one challenger for Moore's crown. Speiser by his draw with Pastrano has jumped up to fourth, with Willi Hoepner dropping down one place to fifth. Albert Finch of England dropped to tenth from eighth as he was held even by Uwe Janssen, while French champion Charles Colin advanced to eighth from ninth and Ron Barton of England entered the top ten. He is in ninth place because of his triumph over Italian Alessandre D'Ottavio, whom he had upset two months ago. Ron replaced Dave Whitlock of San Francisco who was stopped by young Harvey Taylor.

Many changes have taken place in the Middleweight Division. Eduardo Lausse of Argentina by his defeat at the hands of Bobby Boyd of Chicago has been dropped from third to fifth place, Milo Savage replacing him and Boyd going up from seventh to fourth. Rocky Castellani has been dropped from fifth to sixth and Gene Fullmer from sixth to seventh.

Joe Miceli of New York and Del Flanagan of St. Paul, have dropped from the welterweight rankings, the latter due to his inability to make the weight and Miceli, because he lost to Jimmy Morris. Their places are taken by Oscar Pita of Argentina who is back in the top ten, ranked ninth and newcomer Emilio Marconi of Italy, the European title holder is tenth. Art Aragon of Los Angeles has advanced two notches and is now rated seventh.

PROSPECTS OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHT—Charlie Jones, Newark, N. J.
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT—Artie Miller, New York, N. Y.
MIDDLEWEIGHT—Gil Padilla, Oakland, Calif.
WELTERWEIGHT—Herbie Rodriguez, New Orleans, La.
LIGHTWEIGHT—Harry Bell, Long Island City, N. Y.
FEATHERWEIGHT—Rudy Ortega, Havana, Cuba
BANTAMWEIGHT—Alan Sillett, England
FLYWEIGHT—Dennis Adams, South Africa

Although Jimmy Carter gained the support of most TV critics and scribes in his bout with Cisco Andrade in Chicago, he lost on a split decision and this loss, along with the fact that he has scored but one win since 1954, caused him to be dropped down two pegs to fourth position in the lightweight ratings, with Frankie Ryff moving in and Ralph Dupas each moving up one to second and third, respectively.

Andrade has been advanced one notch to sixth, trading places with Johnny Gonsalves of Oakland, Calif., who if he put his heart into his work could prove his superiority to all above him. These first seven men are pretty close in ability.

Don Jordan of Los Angeles, the California state champion, moved into the ranking ten in ninth place by his five round kayo over former champion Paddy DeMarco. Don broke Paddy's jaw in scoring his victory. He replaces Joe Lopes.

19 year old Larry Boardman of Marlboro, Conn., who upset World champion Wallace Bud Smith in a non-title fight, is rated tenth among the lightweights. The veteran Orlando Zulueta of Cuba, has been dropped out of the top ten.

Young Paul Jorgensen of Texas, who beat Teddy Davis, exchanged places with the Hartford veteran and is rated ninth with Davis in tenth post.

Hogan Bassey who kayoed Jean Sneyers, has advanced to third with Ciro Morasen of Cuba dropped a peg to fourth.

In the bantam class, the defeat of Fili Nava by Otilio Galvan of Mexico, cost Nava his position in the rankings. Piero Rollo, Italian champion, has replaced him in tenth place.

Raton Macias of Mexico, with two more knockouts in his fine comeback, has replaced the inactive Billy Peacock in second place. Peacock has dropped to third.

Memo Diez, the Mexican titleholder, scored an impressive win over bantamweight Ricardo Moreno and has been advanced from eighth to sixth among the flightweights, with Jake Tuli down from sixth to seventh and Oscar Suarez down from seventh to eighth, Guy Schatt of France and Hitoshi Misako of Japan have traded places with Guy upped to ninth and Misako down to tenth.

RESULTS OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Willie Pastrano was held to a draw by light heavyweight Chuck Speiser, 10.

Kitione Lave kayoed Hans Brendemuhl, 2. Joe Louis III stopped Oscar Talley, 5. French Champion Maurice Mols thumped out a decision over Belgian title-holder Robert Eugene, 10.

Glenn Brown kayoed James Johnson, 2. Joe Bygraves edged out Uber Bacilieri, 10.

Giannino Luise won from Kurt Schiegl, 7. Ted Donald kayoed J. D. Marshall, 1. George Parmentier stopped Gene Thompson, 5.

Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson whipped Bob Baker, 10.

Heinz Neuhaus defeated Rex Layne, 10. Rex also lost to Hans Freidrich, 10.

Julio Mederos outscored Claude Chapman, 10.

Joe Erskine whipped Marcel Limage, 10. Joey Rowan outscored Zack Hobbs, 10. Johnny Williams drew with Willi Hoepner, 10. Tony Gagliardo decisioned Frank Gioseffi, 8. Bob Biehler decisioned Jack Nelson, 8. Sid Peaks returned to action and whipped Ernie Cab, 8. Howard King kayoed Roger Rischer, 3.

Bob Woodall kayoed Leo Petrias, 1. Don Jasper whipped Wilbur Dilly, 10. Warnell Lester was stopped by light heavy Jim Persey, 8. Mike DeJohn stopped Emil Brtko, 2.

Harley Breshears kayoed Cordell Jones, 4. George Washington whipped Abraham Rosenberg, 6, but was kayoed by Ernie Fann, 1.

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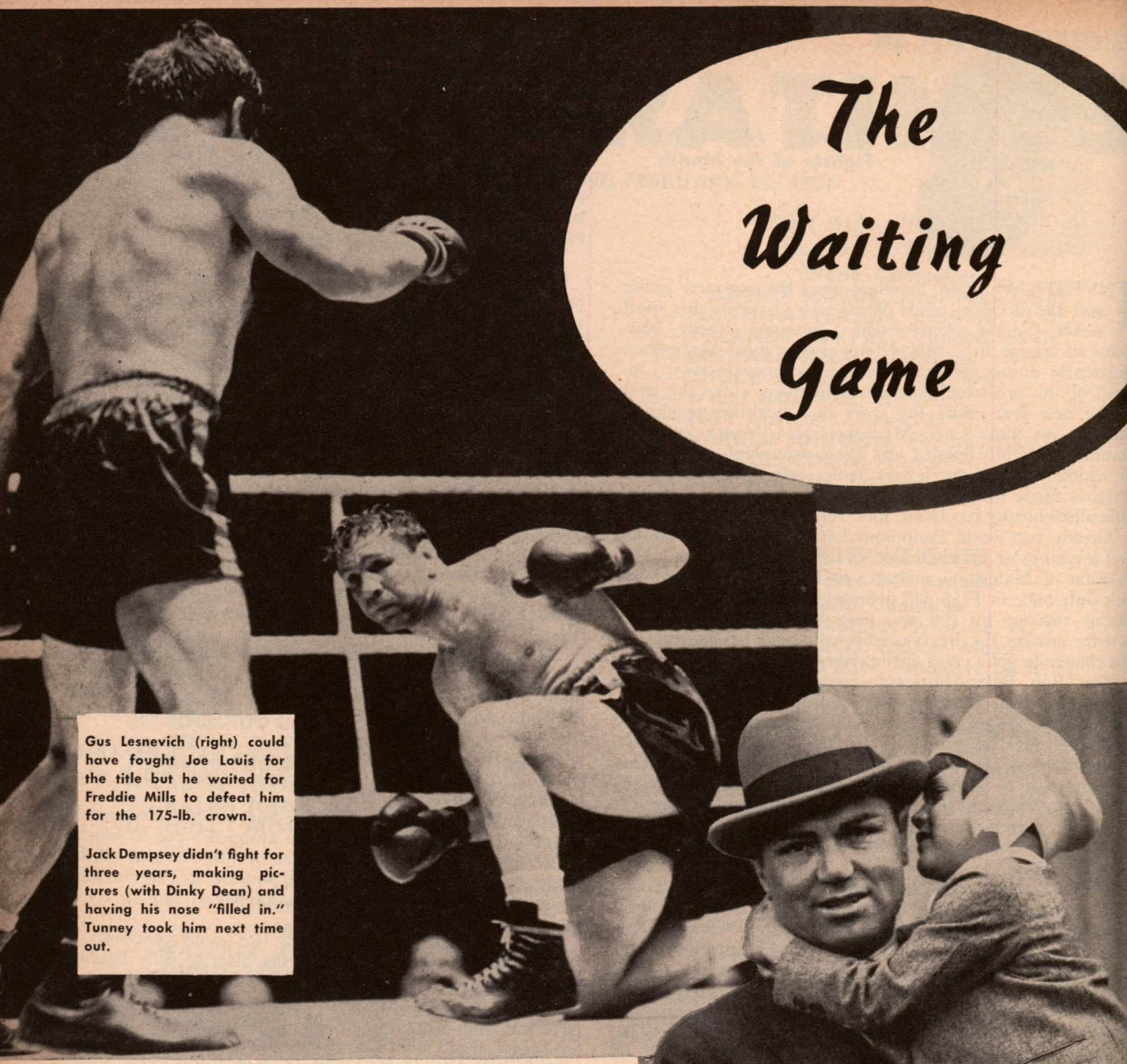
The Waiting Game



Gus Lesnevich (right) could have fought Joe Louis for the title but he waited for Freddie Mills to defeat him for the 175-lb. crown.

Jack Dempsey didn't fight for three years, making pictures (with Dinky Dean) and having his nose "filled in." Tunney took him next time out.

By MURRAY GOODMAN

SUGAR RAY ROBINSON, the former welterweight ruler of the world and only recently crowned king of the middleweights for the third time in his brilliant though controversial career, fights Carl "Bobo" Olson with the title at stake in Los Angeles on April 20. This is some two months later than the originally proposed date of February 24. If Robinson had had his own way in the matter, the match would not come off till early June.

We are not interested in the outcome of that pending fight between Robinson and Olson. There are many, however, who feel that Robinson made a mistake in not accepting the February date. They argue that Robinson could have named the punch in February. What will happen in April could be an entirely different story. Olson will have

Waiting at the Gate. Max Schmeling (seated left) explains to reporters in New York that he will weigh-in for his contracted bout with champion Jim Braddock, in 1937, though Braddock was in Chicago preparing to fight Joe Louis.

had time to recover from that stunning second round knockout that took place in the Chicago Stadium ring on the night of December 9, Olson is only 27, Robinson is 35. He will be 36 years old on May 3rd.

But Robinson chose to play the waiting game, as others have done in the past. It has rarely worked and still they do it. Of course, it is both the privilege and the desire of a champion to hold on to his title as long as he can. With the mantle of royalty, there is a chance for picking up easy loot in either exhibitions or over-the-weight matches. It has been the fallacy of boxing. The waiting game has not paid off.

Jack Dempsey learned in September of 1926 that too long a delay between fights is most costly to an aging athlete. From the time he defended his heavyweight title against Luis Angel Firpo, on Sept. 14, 1923, until he met Gene Tunney in Philadelphia on Sept. 23, 1926, he did not have a fight. He spent some time in exhibitions but that didn't ready him for the sharpshooting Tunney. He was just a shadow of the old Manassa Mauler against the ex-Marine.

When Jersey Joe Walcott stunned the fistic world by knocking out Ezzard Charles in Pittsburgh on July 18, 1951, an immediate return was a natural and would have drawn tremendously. Ole Pappy, however, decided to cash in on his title with personal appearances. He not only didn't make any money but when he and Charles finally met again almost a year later in Philadelphia, the fight and gate flopped miserably.

A pair of heavyweight contenders of the past—Joe Baksi and Gus Lesnevich—chose to travel to Europe for fights and keep Joe Louis waiting. Baksi, learning how to master the king's English, invaded Sweden and forgot how to fight. He lost to Olle Tandberg, his chance at Louis and a bundle of welcome loot.

Lesnevich was already on a boat sailing for England when word came that he could have a shot with Louis. He went through with his London fight with Freddie Mills in defense of his lightheavyweight title. Gloomy Gus dropped his crown and Louis his interest in the proud Russian as an opponent. Gus to this day claims he knew nothing of a Louis offer until it was too late.

Max Schmeling, the Black Uhlan, discovered to his utter dismay that the passage of time was an element not conducive to winning titles and making money. In the case of Herr Maxie, however, the waiting was not of his own choosing.

Schmeling was signed by the late Jimmy Johnston to fight Jim Braddock for the heavyweight title in the Long Island Bowl in the summer of 1937. Braddock, meanwhile, was induced to defend the crown against Joe Louis in the Chicago Stadium for Mike Jacobs. For a variety of reasons, Jimmy preferred the Louis fight. Schmeling sued and continued to train. He trained and trained and waited patiently for the day of the fight to arrive. On that fateful day, he appeared in the ring set up in the Bowl, ready to go through the motions of this "phantom" heavyweight title fight. It is a matter of record that Louis went on to knock out Braddock and take the crown. When Schmeling got his chance at the Bomber a year later, he was flattened humiliatingly in one round.

The history of boxing is convincing in its evidence that delays of any kind are harmful. To both gates and prestige. There is one man, however, who might have wished he'd waited.

Joe Chip was scheduled to fight Al McCoy back in April of 1914. Joe took ill and rather than lose the date, his brother George substituted for him. George was at the time world middleweight champion. The then comparatively obscure Mr. McCoy knocked substitute George Chip out in one round and became the 160-pound champion. Brother George should have waited.

A GRAND OLD GUY NAMED JOE

Joe Jeannette, as he looked in his prime when he teamed with Jack Johnson, Sam Langford and Sam McVey to comprise great quartet of Negro heavyweights.

Jeannette, 76, Last Survivor of Big Four

By JERSEY JONES

SO Sam Langford was gone! Ol' Tham, never a world champion, but one of the most formidable fighting machines the ring has ever produced, had been counted out in Boston, the town where he'd started his boxing career more than a half-century before.

A great fighter, Langford. He'd been a member of that dreaded Ebony Big Four which wreaked so much havoc and destruction in the heavyweight ranks during the early years of the century.

What a quartet they had been! Langford, Jack Johnson, Sam McVey and Joe Jeannette. Quite a crowd of good Negro heavies operated in those boisterous days, but the two Sams, Jack and Joe were the tops. They fought all over the world, helping to popularize boxing in lands where the sport was new.

You think of the Big Four, and you suddenly realize that only one of them, Jeannette, is still alive. The first to go, McVey, died of pneumonia in New York in 1921. Then Johnson was fatally injured in an automobile crash in North Carolina in 1946. Now Langford has gone. Only Jeannette remains.

It's been a score or more years since you last saw Joe. He was then operating a gymnasium and training fighters in Union City, N. J. He'd been doing it since he quit fighting in 1919. For a few years he'd also done some refereeing in New Jersey, but had given it up when he felt he was getting "too old" for such strenuous toil.

You wonder if Joe is still around, and what's he doing. You do some inquiring and learn that he's still at the old address, but that he'd given up the gym and fighters during the war and had gone into an automobile rental service.

You also learn something that isn't so pleasant. Joe had a stroke a year or so ago, and it affected his mind. He doesn't remember things too clearly.

You decide to visit him, anyway, and take your chances on getting a story out of the lone survivor of that once great Big Four.

ON the way to Jeannette's place, you recall some of the stories you've heard about Ol' Joe. One you remember particularly was a favorite of the late Willie Lewis.

Lewis and Jeannette, stablemates, managed by Dan Mc-

Ketrick, were popular in France when boxing was in its infancy there.

"It was back in 1909," Willie would say, "and Joe and I were training, along with Jim Stewart and several other Americans, in a camp just outside Paris. Joe and I hit it off well together, and usually worked in each other's corner. I've never seen a fighter so conscientious as Jeannette. Always in top condition. If I'd taken care of myself like Joe did, I'd have been the greatest welterweight in the world.

"Well, Joe was boxing McVey at the Cirque de Paris, then the Madison Square Garden of Paris. It was a return match. McVey had won the previous one, a 20-rounder, but the decision was unpopular and stirred up a lot of argument, so a rematch became a natural. This time, to settle the argument decisively, it was decided to make a finish fight of it.

"I worked behind Joe that night, and it was one of the most gruelling fights I've ever seen. It lasted forty-nine rounds, and what a brawl! There were so many knockdowns, I lost count. I think the official score was thirty-nine. Both fighters were badly battered, but Jeannette's superb physical condition won for him. He outlasted Sam, who finally had to quit.

"The scrap lasted about three and a half hours, and it was 4 a.m. when our happy but weary gang landed back in camp. I had a fight coming up the next week with Honey Mellody, but this was one morning I wasn't getting up early for roadwork. I had done enough with all that running up and down steps for forty-nine rounds. All I wanted was to hit the sack and stay there. And you'd imagine that Joe, after that brawl, would have felt like sleeping for a week.

"Well, it was about 6 o'clock when a banging on the door woke me. Bleary-eyed, I looked up. In walked Jeannette, all togged out for the road.

"Can you imagine the guy! Here he'd just finished forty-nine of the toughest rounds any fighter ever fought, and he should have been snoring his head off in bed. But here he was, looking bright and chipper and ready for a day's work.

"What's the idea?" I asked.

"'I'm a little stiff and sore from the fight,' he said, 'and thought I'd work some of it out by going on the road with you.'"

YOU recall an interview you'd had with Jeannette many years ago when, fresh out of the Marines, you were breaking into the newspaper business as boxing writer for the old New York *Globe*.

It was toward the end of 1919 and Joe, then crowding 40, had just outpointed rugged Bartley Madden in an eight-rounder in Bayonne. That may have been Jeannette's last fight. You talked with Joe in his dressing room after the bout.

"Guess I'm getting too old for such tough work," he grinned. "I feel the old bones creaking every time I move in there. Maybe I'd better quit while I'm able."

Chatting of this and that, you asked Joe who, in his opinion, was the best fighter he'd ever met. Without hesitation he answered: "Langford." He explained: "I fought Sam fourteen or fifteen times. He had everything. He was tough, a good boxer, and dangerous every second he was in there. He could take you out with a punch. You couldn't get careless with him at any time. I got careless once, in Syracuse. That was the only time."

What about Jack Johnson?

"Jack was powerful and a wonderful defensive boxer, but he didn't believe in overworking or taking chances. If you didn't hurt him, he didn't hurt you. I boxed him eight times in two years, and we could have made it eight times more without anybody getting hurt. Jack was afraid of Langford, though. He beat Sam once, when Sam was only a middleweight, but wouldn't have anything to do with him later when Sam got bigger and better."

How did the latest Negro ace, Harry Wills, compare with the Big Four.

"He's big and strong," Jeannette said, "but he's lucky in coming along when we're getting old. I don't think he'll ever be as good as our crowd was."

YOU reach Jeannette's place, on the corner of Summit Avenue and 27th Street in Union City. Over the garage downstairs is a sign: "Jennette's Auto Service." You look in. There is a fleet of shiny limousines. A husky, middle-aged Negro approaches. "Anything I can do for you?" he asks politely.

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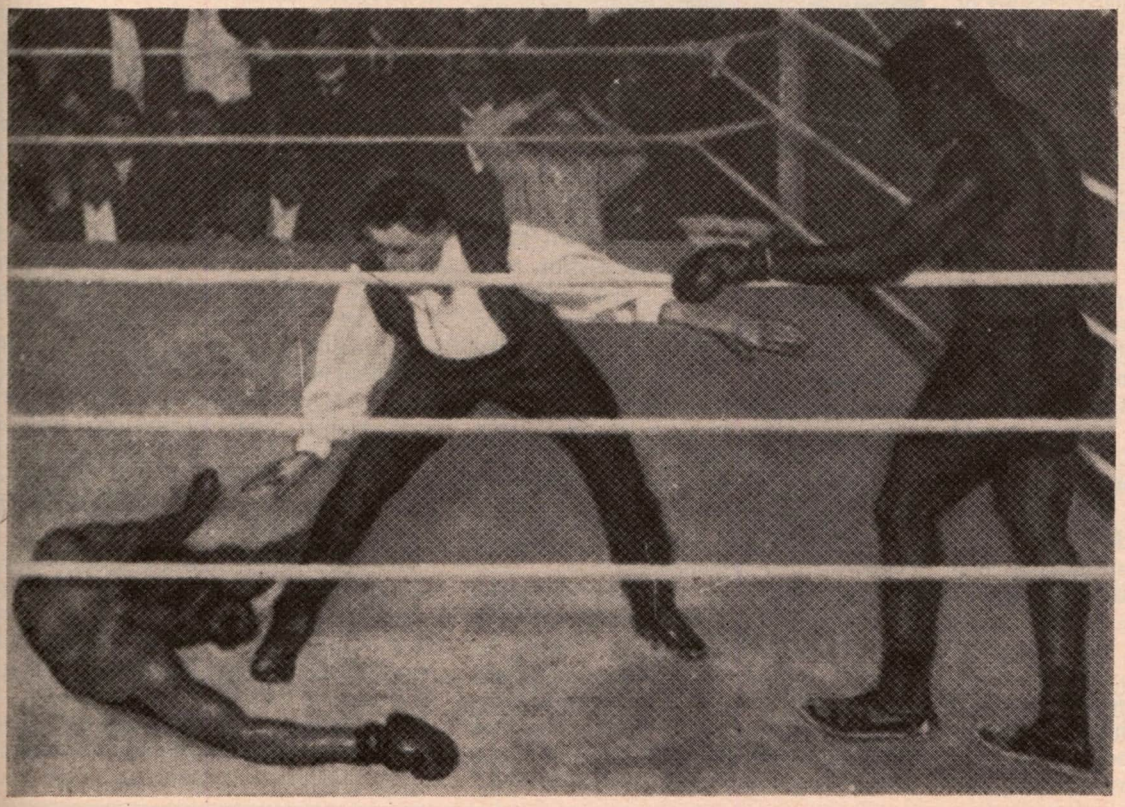

Jeanette on one of his many trips to canvas in historic battle with Sam McVey in Paris. Between them, Joe and Sam scored total of 39 knockdowns. Jeannette, outlasting his rival, finally won when McVey called quits after 49th round.

TV & Boxing

By JOHNNY SALAK

KOVR's weekly telecasts of boxing from San Francisco's Winterland Arena is the first series of local live boxing telecasts in the Bay Area.

A four round preliminary, a six round semi-final and the ten round main event is videod each Thursday evening at 9 P.M., the show lasting through 11 P.M., with the main event coming on at 10 P.M.

Between the main event and the semi-final, Walt Harris does dressing room interviews with boxers, managers, trainers, seconds and others connected with the sport. In his first interview he spoke with Ken Overlin, former middleweight champion, and Willie Ritchie, one time world lightweight champion and currently a California boxing commissioner.

Gallo Wine sponsors the semi-final and the San Francisco Bay Area Dodge Dealers foot the bill for the main event on TV.

The first show was seen on January 19 and some of the fighters to be viewed in action on these telecasts are Esau Ferdinand, California State light heavyweight champion; Ramon Fuentes, high ranking welterweight; promising Bob Albright, Los Angeles heavyweight; Leonard Gaines, Oakland lightweight who held Ralph Dupas to a draw; Bobby Jones, Oakland middleweight; Bob Dunlap, the Oakland heavyweight with a knockout punch; Tanny Campo, Filipino flyweight champion; Johnny Gonsalves, world ranking lightweight; Young Jack Johnson, State heavyweight champ and recent conqueror of Ezzard Charles; Joe Lopes, outstanding lightweight; Lauro Salas, former world lightweight king; and Charlie Powell, the pro football player who once again is looking for success in the ring.

Walt Harris, who does the color and blow-by-blow description from ringside, started his broadcasting career back in 1942 when he entered radio in Yakima, Wash., as an announcer and sportscaster.

After a short spell in Yakima, he moved to Hollywood where he studied drama and speech. Upon his graduation from the school he affiliated himself with KOB, the NBC station in Albuquerque, N. M.

Walt's next position was as a staff announcer in Seattle, Wash., for KIRO —CBS, from May 1944 until August 1945. Commercials, drama, news and sports were some of his duties.

His next move was to join the staff of the Mutual Don Lee affiliate, KFRC, in San Francisco, in September 1945. News, sports and commercials once again were the assignments until January 1953, at which time television took over his future.

Leon P. Gorman, Jr., general manager of WABI-TV, Bangor, Me., who has received a promoter's license from the Maine Commission and will attempt to run nationally televised bouts in conjunction with the I. B. C.

Oddly enough his first job in TV was not in the role of commercial announcer for which he was best suited, but as a model. A brewery company needed a man on the show who wasn't anemic-looking. So a call went out to Walt, who stands 5 feet 11 inches and weighs 187 pounds to perform as a swimmer in a scene with a bathing beauty.

Walt's next role was a commercial announcer on San Francisco's top TV production, Del Courtney's "Search for Songs." After the sponsor dropped "Search for Songs" he kept Harris steadily employed in TV for a year and a half, handling shows in San Francisco, Salinas and Stockton.

Harris, who is widely recognized for his ability as a commercial sponsor, can also double in all other departments, making him a definite asset to his station. He is fast improving and makes for interesting listening on the KOVR weekly fights from Winterland Arena.

TV THE MAINE IDEA

Everyone wants in on the act. Nationally televised fights, in addition to usually guaranteeing a fight promoter a good payday also helps to keep his town, big or small, in the spotlight.

However, a new twist has been added and in the near future we may be seeing some bang-up matches from Bangor, Me.

The Maine Boxing Commission recently granted the Community Broadcasting Service, which operates radio and television stations WABI and WABI-TV of Bangor, a license to promote fights. As far as we can find, this is the first time that a radio or TV station has been granted a boxing promoter's license. The last line is added as a note of interest. However it may prove to be the most important point in this new deal which may or may not fizzle, flop or find fortune.

The idea, naturally, is to televise fights on a national hook-up from Bangor. The I. B. C., headed by James D. Norris, and Leon P. Gorman, Jr., general manager of WABI-TV, are working on a plan to video three fights in 1956, with Bangor the originating source of network transmission.

Immediately these conferences came to a conclusion this Maine metropolis, which has not harbored a pro fight in well over a year, turned up with a match between Vince Martinez, third ranking world welterweight, and veteran Del Flanagan for February 20 at the New Bangor Auditorium.

Gorman, who is acting as the licensee, announced the fight after conferring with Managing Director Harry Markson of the International Boxing Club and Angelo Pucci, the I. B. C.'s New England representative.

The Martinez-Flanagan fight was not televised and, in making the announcement, Gorman emphasized that the

fight was what he described as "a trial balloon."

"If the fight attracts four to 5,000 fans, then the possibilities of two to three nationally televised fights originating out of Bangor are excellent."

"This endeavor of boxing promotions on a national level packs tremendously complex problems," continued Gorman. "First, the Martinez-Flanagan fight at a $4 top price must produce a large crowd; second, before televising nationally, engineering necessitates a microwave line from Bangor for transmissions at a cost approximating $8,000, and thirdly, the Wednesday night sponsors must be made satisfied with the existing facilities of Bangor's New Auditorium."

Gorman was asked whether Bangor's entry into the sport's big league national picture stemmed from Boston promoter Sam Silverman's break with the I. B. C. over televising the February 8 non-title fight between lightweight champion Wallace (Bud) Smith and Tony DeMarco.

"Positively not," Gorman said. "I have been working with network and I. B. C. officials over a year now, hoping Bangor might become the outlet for a nationally-televised fiight."

Martinez and Flanagan represented one of the highest priced fights ever fought in Bangor. It was reported Martinez, managed by Bill Daly, received $2,000 for the bout.

In conclusion Gorman stated, "I want to make it clear that by taking out a boxing license, we at WABI-TV are not denying another individual of a permit to operate fights in Bangor. The license to promote in Bangor has been going unused for a year now. If this thing flops then I will be the first to notify the Maine Boxing Commission of our willingness to step out and make the license available to any individual or group. Our sole interest is to promote and televise big-time matches from Bangor's magnificent New Auditorium. And the best way I know to show it off to the whole country on a single night is through a national network."

Walt Harris does the color, blow-by-blow description and dressing room interviews for KOVR-TV's weekly boxing show from San Francisco's Winterland Arena. The program is seen every Thursday evening on the West Coast.

We have no way of knowing whether the fight flopped (financially, that is) as this is written two weeks before it came off, but we seriously doubt that the combination of the magnificent new auditorium and Martinez and Del Flanagan will draw any four or 5,000 fans at a $4 top. And it amazes us that anyone would lay out some $8,000 for a microwave line for a possible three shows, especially since their end of the TV revenue would be small indeed. It just goes to show to what end some boxing promoters will go, whoever the promoter may be.

TOIL AND TREBLE

Herman Spero, producer of the studio boxing show over Television Station WEWS in Cleveland, from April 2, to October 1, 1955, is seeking $450,000 in treble damages for alleged violations

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WEEKLY TV BOXING SCHEDULE

CLUB	CITY	STATION	ANNOUNCER
	MONDAY		
ST. NICHOLAS ARENA	NEW YORK	DUMONT TV NETWORK	CHRIS SCHENKEL
†MONT. ST. LOUIS	MONTREAL	CBFT	MIKE NORMANDIN
	TUESDAY		
MOTOR CITY ARENA	DETROIT	WWJ-TV	BILL FLEMING
	WEDNESDAY		
WEDNESDAY NIGHT FIGHTS	(EMANATING FROM VARIOUS CITIES)	ABC-TV NETWORK	JACK DREES
COLISEO	MEXICO CITY	XH-TV	JULIO SOTELO
	THURSDAY		
OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM	LOS ANGELES	KCOP-TV	GARRY GOODWIN
CAMBRIA A. C.	PHILADELPHIA	WPFH-TV	
WINTERLAND ARENA	SAN FRANCISCO	KOVR-TV	WALT HARRIS
	FRIDAY		
‡CAVALCADE OF SPORTS	NEW YORK and OTHER CITIES	NBC-TV NETWORK	JIMMY POWERS
	SATURDAY		
LEGION STADIUM	HOLLYWOOD	KHJ-TV	BILL SYMES
COLISEO	MEXICO CITY	XEW-TV	PACO MALGESTO and ANTONIO ANDERE

† Every other Monday.
‡ Also heard over the ABC Radio Network, Don Dunphy and Win Elliot, announcers.

Nat FLEISCHER *says:*

FOUL FIGHTING HAS NO PLACE IN RING CONTESTS

PROFESSIONAL BOXING battered to a pulp by the recent investigations, suffered another setback when Sandy Saddler, using every foul technique known to the game, stopped Flash Elorde of the Philippines in the thirteenth round of their featherweight world championship fight in the San Francisco Cow Palace. A deep cut over the left eye, followed by unsportsmanship tactics by the defending title holder that sickened the spectators but failed to arouse the ire of Referee Ray Flores whose work as the third man in the ring could be classified as anything but in the category of competency, brought a halt to the bout and under California rules it gained for the champion a technical knockout.

Saddler has been known as a boxer who employs unethical means to gain his objective, but nothing he has ever done in his long career equalled the foul fighting which Flores permitted him to carry on against the little Filipino. Riled by the fact that Elorde had outpointed him in a non-title bout in Manila last summer, eager to avenge that defeat and as eager to pull the chestnuts out of the fire at a time when the Filipino was outclassing him and looked like a certain winner of the crown, Saddler went into action in a manner that brought him no credit as a titleholder. It also brought considerable criticism of the referee for permitting the foul work to go on round after round.

The little Manila champion gave an excellent performance of courage and fighting qualities but could do little after the open wound over his eye became a gory gash as Saddler repeatedly rubbed the heels of his gloves over the wound, butted and rubbed his head into the gaping cut and directed many punches at the injury at times when the referee was breaking the lads. Time and again Flores had his hand on the shoulder of Elorde while ordering a break, and permitted Saddler to punch, ignoring his pre-fight instructions that there must be a clean break when so ordered.

All I can say to Charlie Johnston, manager of the champ, is don't ever permit Sandy to defend his title in Europe where he'll be tossed out of the ring the first time he practices the foul tactics which American referees let the titleholder get away with. It is outrageous, especially now that boxing needs the whole-hearted support of the public, the TV viewers, and those closely associated with the game.

Unlucky Thirteenth. Challenger Flash Elorde, of the Philippines, who was putting up a fine fight against featherweight champion Sandy Saddler, was stopped in the thirteenth round because of a badly damaged left eye.

Flash Elorde (right), bantamweight and featherweight of the Philippines, lands a hard right to head of Sandy Saddler during fifth round at San Francisco.

His eye badly cut, Elorde (right) came back in the ninth round to slam Saddler around and bloody his nose. The Filipino put up a courageous stand.

CHALLENGER DISPLAYS FIGHTING SKILL

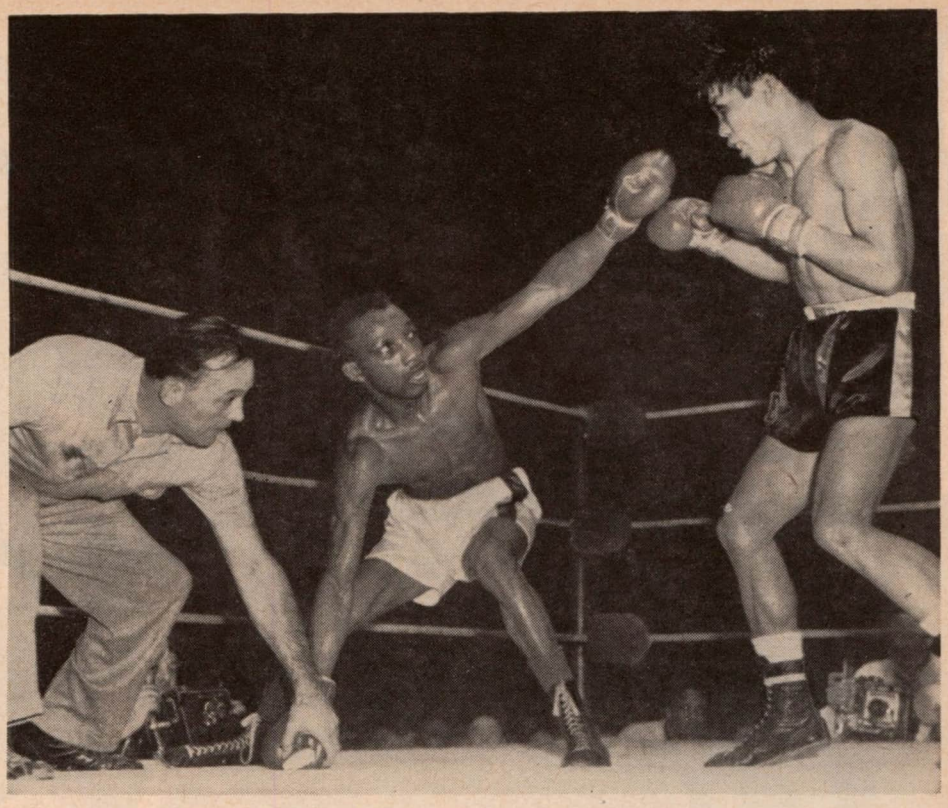
The match was an exciting one in which Elorde displayed confidence gained when he outpointed Saddler in the Philippines and for a time we were prepared for the first upset of the year. Saddler is far from the fighter he was when he gained top ranking as a featherweight. He has gone back considerably due to age and idleness. He is one of the few titleholders who has defied the six month rule and gotten away with it.

Giving away height, reach and weight, Elorde had the champ in danger of a knockout on several occasions when he tore fearlessly into Sandy and let go all he had. But interference by the referee thwarted the style of the Manila lad and soon caused Flash to run out of gas. Once that happened, he became a target for Saddler's roughhouse.

Twice Flores halted the bout during a round to consult the medical advisor on stopping the affair.

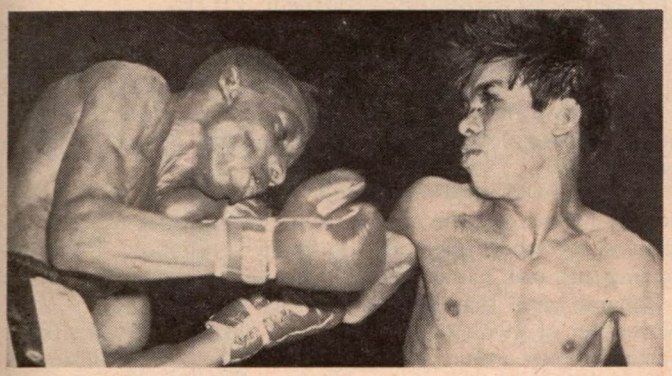
Once in the twelfth a heated argument took place over whether the fight should be terminated, Dr. Ladden vetoing the decision of the third man in the ring.

But in the thirteenth round, with the gash pouring the claret over Flash's face and the round one second less than a minute old, the referee sent Elorde to his corner, declaring the fight won by Saddler on a technical knockout.



(Above) He Needs a Mouthpiece. Sandy Saddler stoops to retrieve his mouthpiece after it was punched out of his mouth in ninth round by Flash Elorde.

(Below, left) Sandy Saddler (left) looked wearied and near losing his title as Elorde pounded him in the ninth round. (Below, right) Flash Elorde hangs on, his eye terribly cut, in the thirteenth round, moments before the referee halted the bout.



What he should have done, in which case he would have won the plaudits of millions of TV fans and the ringside spectators, was to have announced that Flash Elorde was the winner on the disqualification of the champion for disregarding the rules of fair play in boxing.

That would have made a hit with fans who showed their disgust at Sandy's tactics by flooding the ring with paper.

There could be no dispute about Saddler being in the lead, but by a slight margin, when the bout was halted. But had he not roughed up the Manila visitor, there was strong evidence that a new champion would have been crowned.

It is about time that commissions took a hand in enforcing the rules on clean fighting. Why warn or instruct the boxers on obedience to rules when officials, like Flores and many more I can name, forget about them once the fight gets under way.

Regardless of non-foul rules in New York or elsewhere, a boxer may be disqualified for repeated infractions of the rules. Commissions should so instruct their officials and should enforce the rules of fair play and clean boxing.

We've had enough of the Saddler type. Disqualification or suspension of the license for such tactics would soon halt the outrage. Ray Flores should cease his refereeing if he cannot enforce the rules of boxing. He certainly displayed on the Saddler-Elorde bout a lack of efficiency.

BOXING IN GERMANY MAKES BIG STRIDES

The extent to which boxing has developed in Germany since the end of the last world war, may be gleaned from a report issued by the German Federation. During 1955 there were 32 professional programs staged in 11 cities, a drop of seven from the previous year, but with more boxers participating due to the enlargement of the programs

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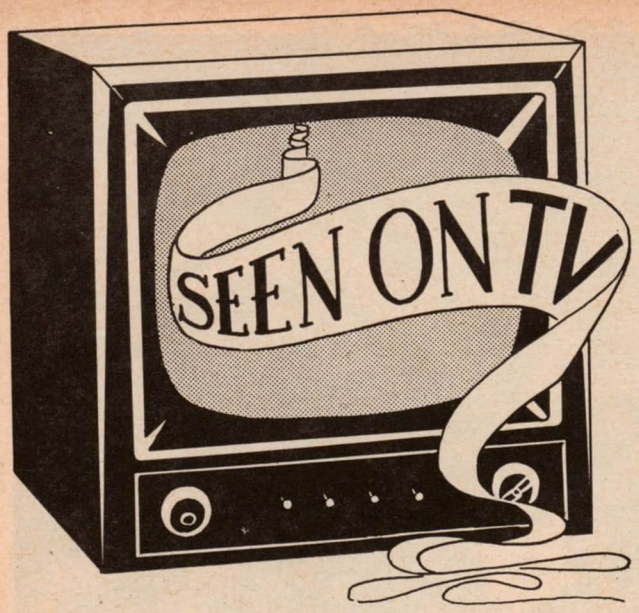
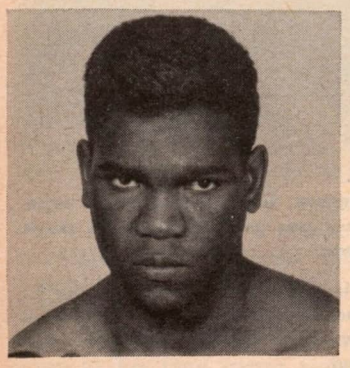
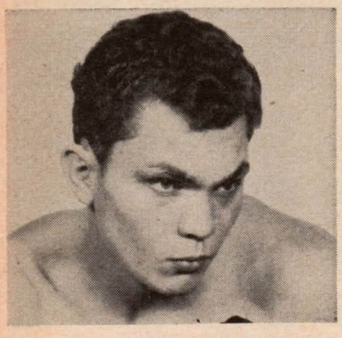


Exciting Fighters Who Have Recently Been Viewed on National Hook-Ups

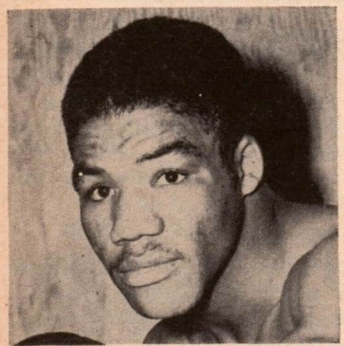
Vince Martinez, clever hard punching welterweight contender.



Yama Bahama promising young welterweight from Bimini.



Nineteen year old lightweight comer Carlos Ortiz of New York City.



Unbeaten middleweight threat, Rory Calhoun of White Plains, N. Y.

By **LEW ESKIN**

YAMA BAHAMA

A PERSONABLE young man whose ring name is Yama Bahama, an aggressive welterweight from Bimini in the Bahamas. His correct name is William Butler.

Yama was born in Bimini 23 years ago. He is the baby in a large family. There are three sisters and four brothers. His dad is a first mate on a cargo ship that operates on the run between Bimini and Miami, Fla.

As a boy he used to tag along after his brothers Herman and Louis when they went to the gym to train. Although both were topnotch amateurs neither turned pro. The boys were fight fans and hooked up a short wave set so that they could listen to the boxing broadcasts from America. Yama always wanted to be a boxer. When he was old enough, he joined the boys club where he began his formal fistic education.

When he was 20, Yama moved to Florida and while working out at the Miami Beach Gym, he was nicknamed the strange nom-de-guerre he now carries. Yama is a West Indian slang word meaning "to hurry". Coming from the Bahamas and not knowing his real name, the hangers-on at the gym used to shout at him, "Yama Bahama" and that became his ring name.

His pro debut in November of 1953 was a first round kayo over Harry Irwin. He went through fourteen bouts before suffering his first setback, losing to Jimmy Ford. Yama then shifted his base of operations to Michigan where he has become a big favorite. After winning three in a row, he was kayoed in one round by Bob Hoffman, the only time he has been floored. Since then he has worked twice as hard at his trade and gone on to win 21 of 23 bouts, the last 19 in a row, for an overall record of 35 wins in 41 starts, with 2 draws and 11 kayos. He has defeated among others Mickey Savage, Jimmy Ford, Leffie Walker, Mario Terry, Gene Parker, Alan Kennedy. Last summer he won the Bahamas welterweight title by kayoing Battling Douglas.

A few months ago as a last minute substitute he made an auspicious debut on TV by pitching a shutout over the crafty veteran Paolo Melis.

A durable, willing mixer, Yama, now living in the Bronx with some friends, hopes to earn enough money from boxing to build a home for his parents and then return to Bimini to open a fine hotel.

VINCE MARTINEZ

A CLEVER boxer-puncher, loaded with crowd appeal, is handsome Vince Martinez of Paterson, N. J., the fourth-ranked contender for Carman Basilio's welterweight title. Vince appears to have the inside track for a summer title shot.

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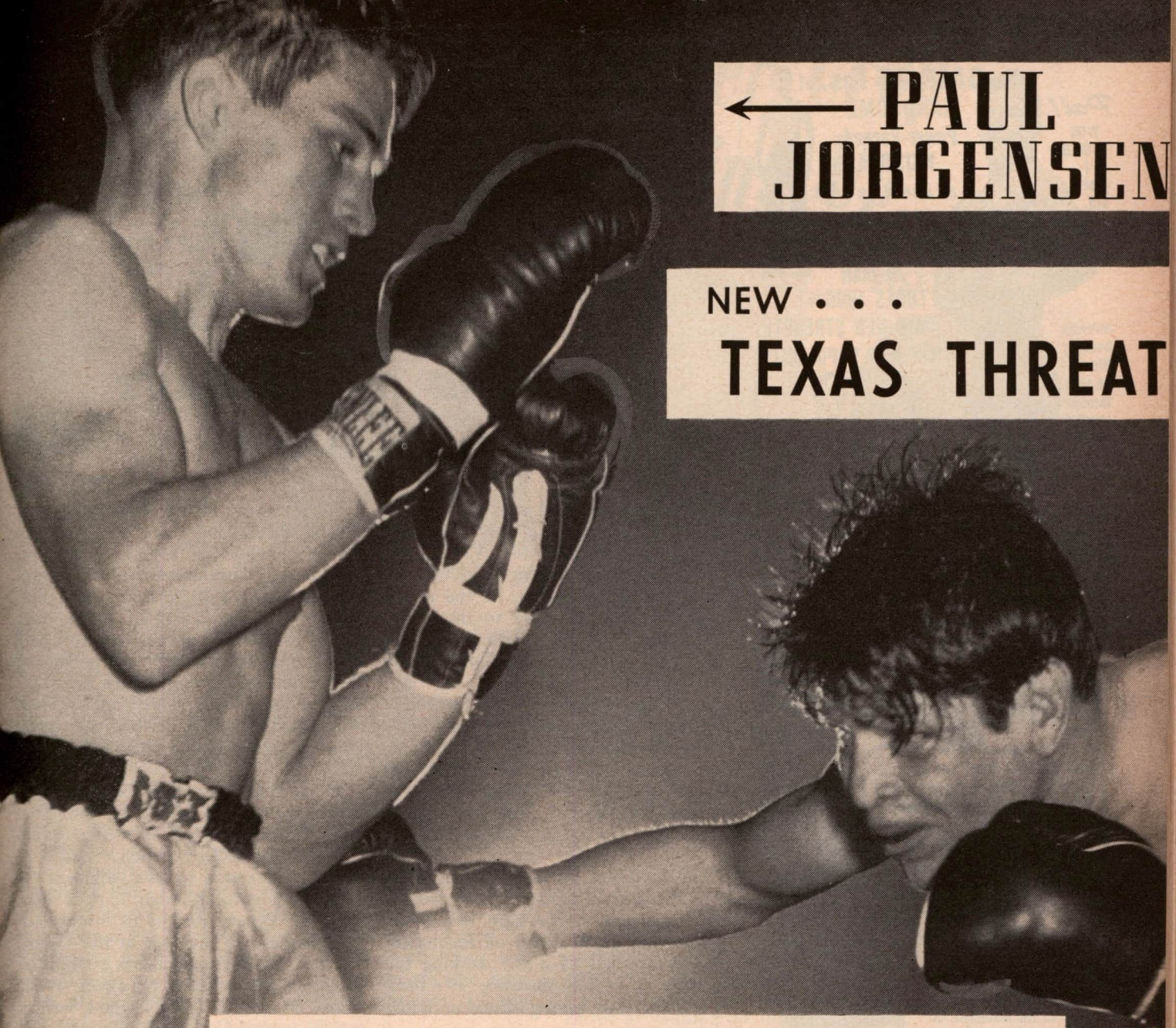

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TEXAS THREAT

PAUL JORGENSEN, the flashy, Port Arthur, Texas, speedster, turned on the most important victory of his career when he boxed and punched his way to a ten round decision over former world lightweight champion Lauro Salas of Monterrey, Mexico, at Houston, Texas, before a crowd of over 4,500 fans paying better than $10,000 to watch the Texas featherweight king gain himself a spot in The Ring ratings.

The 21 year old lad is a student at Houston University where he is majoring in business administration. He works for the Ada Oil company in sales promotion.

With school, his job and fistic training Paul keeps busy all day. He spends his free time at home with his wife Jean Ann and year old son Kirby.

Paul had an impressive record as an amateur before turning pro two weeks after his eighteenth birthday. In compiling a record of 49 wins in 52 simon-pure bouts, he won two state Golden Glove and three AAU championships as a bantamweight and featherweight.

During his amateur career and his first year and a half of pro bouts, he was handled by Dick Menchaca. Dick, who twice won the National Golden Glove bantamweight championship in 1940 and '41, brought Paul along slowly and had guided him into the main bout class when Paul switched pilots and put himself under the management of well known Houston sportsmen Richard McClendon. McClendon, a fight bug, real estate operator, and oil man, fixed Paul up with a part-time job so that he could devote more time to his training and still continue with his education, which was becoming a chore. When he graduated from high school he was offered a scholarship to McNeese College in Louisiana. Unfortunately Paul could not see his way clear to accept it as he had to help support his widowed mother in addition to his wife and son.

When McClendon took Paul under his wing in the winter of 1955 he had seemingly grown into a lightweight, but once he was able to train right his weight dropped down to a normal 128 pounds and he has fought around that weight ever since.

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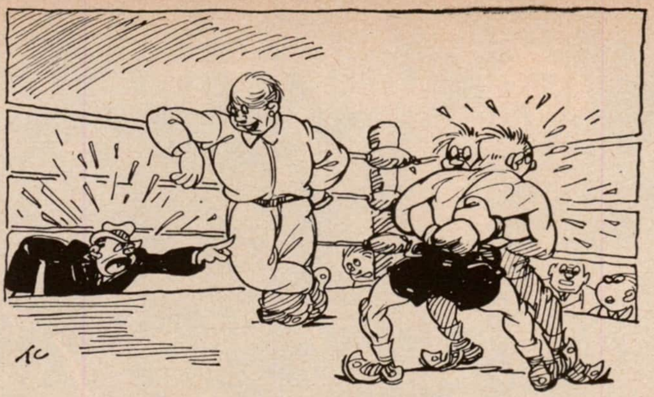


A-ROUND AND A-BOUT

By BOB ALLEN

The Sam Langford story we always liked best was the one most often repeated. It concerned the Tar Baby's fight with Bear cat Wright in Omaha late in Langford's career. As the ninth round opened, according to the story, Langford walked out with hand extended and offered to shake hands with his opponent. *"This ain't the last round,"* said Wright. *"It is for you,"* said Langford who promptly sent a right to the Bearcat's chin and then walked to his corner while the referee counted Wright out. We don't know, of course, whether this story is true but it certainly helps add to the Langford legend.

The Joe Louis tax situation has gone from the utterly fantastic to the completely ridiculous. It's hard to believe but Joe was much better off financially when he earned $5 a day working for Henry Ford back in the early '30's than he is today, after having earned millions.

It has been years, of course, since this country has seen much of flyweights. Perhaps that's why it comes as a pleasant shock to read about the size of the crowds which turn out for these tiny lads in other lands—like the 25,000 who saw Pascual Perez, of Argentina, successfully defend his titled against Leo Espinosa, Filipino, in Buenos Aires.

Some notes on referees: Jackie Davis, one of Cleveland's top officials, is contemplating a permanent move to Florida. . . . Harry Kessler, rated one of the best in New York State, was guest of honor at a huge banquet in St. Louis recently at which more than $12,000 was raised for the American Medical Center, a non-sectarian institution in Denver.

Enrico Venturi, one-time Italian welterweight who campaigned with success in this country some years ago, is now a newspaperman in Rome. In 1937-38 when Henry Armstrong was setting the boxing world on fire with his tremendous ability, he had one stretch of 27 knockouts in a row. Enrico Venturi was No. 21 in that string. But Enrico did win a lot of fights over here at a time when this country had many fine Italian lads competing in U. S. rings, among them Cleto Locatelli, Aldo Spoldi, Saverio Turiello. They were good, these boys, but not quite good enough to win a championship.

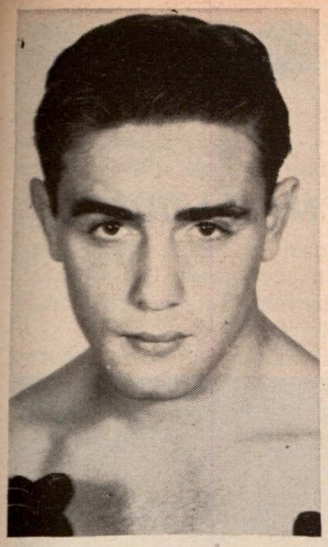
Down Texas way, near San Antonio, boxing people are high on a youngster named Melvin Barker, a welterweight. The lad still lacks experience and it is therefore too early to pass judgment on his fistic talents, although he does show promise. What interests us in the fact that Barker is a member of the Future Farmers of America and has established a local reputation as a pig raiser. Well, there is another pretty good welterweight named Carmen Basilio who was also a farmer. He raised onions.

At one of the many dinners Ray Robinson attended this winter season—this one in Philadelphia—he was introduced to Ron Delany, famed Villanova track star. Sugar Ray revealed to the mile-running ace that he had received many good pointers on road-work from Leslie McMitchell, who once held the mile record. Robinson told Delany he would like to run with him sometime to which Delany replied: "I'll run with you anytime, Ray, just so long as I don't have to put the gloves on too."

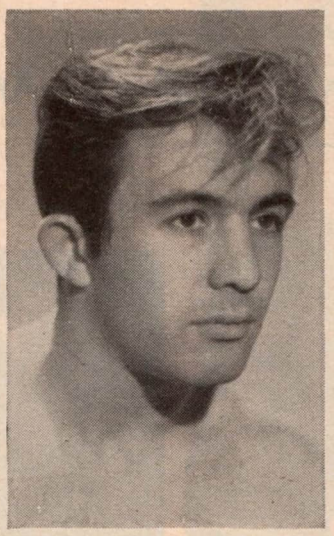
And speaking of dinners, Rocky Marciano had to attend so many this year that is doubtful whether he will ever again want to look at a piece of roast beef or roast chicken. But Rocky is a real gentleman—he makes it seem as though each dinner he attends is just the one he was waiting most anxiously to get to.

The Newer Crop Coming Up

By FRED EISENSTADT



Tony Di Biase



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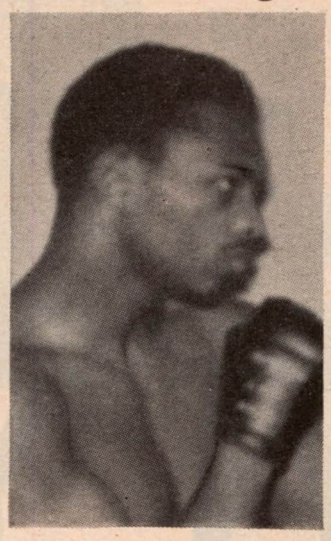

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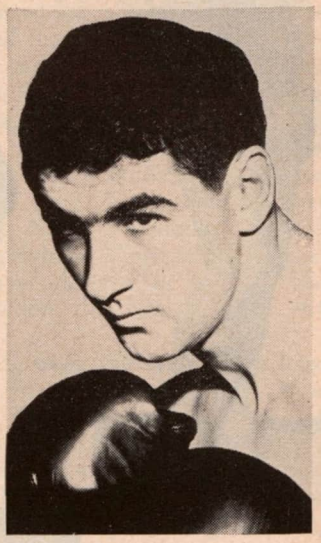

Mickey McGrath

TONY DI BIASE

IN his first pro bout, which took place at Madison Square Garden late in 1955, Tony DiBiase—tipping the beam at 150 pounds, stepped lightly around the ring, boxing well enough but lacking the zesty aggressiveness of a money-fighter, the slamming style of a pro. Consequently, he lost the decision.

Tony looked like a different fighter on his second try; no longer was he a careful and fancy boxer. Instead, he moved in with business-like fists, sticking sharp jabs, hooking viciously, socking with hard rights to the head and body. He punched out an impressive victory. He has won his last six straight.

Anthony John DiBiase Jr., was born in Astoria, Queens, N. Y., on January 16, 1936. He is one of three brothers. "At the age of ten I idolized Jack Dempsey—and that inspired me to become a pugilist," informs Tony who is attending college. "During my High School days I garnered the finer points of ring warfare from my present trainer, Johnny Sullo, at a PAL gym."

The stocky youth began amateur competition in 1952, and with thirty-six contests lost one—to Leroy Oliphant, whom he later defeated two times. That year he won the sub-novice 147-pound Golden Gloves title and the Metropolitan (open) welterweight crown. In 1953 he captured the New York Eastern and National Golden Gloves championships; and in 1955 Tony apprehended the NCAA 156-pound title.

"Tony won a scholarship to the University of Virginia," piped the capable, jockey-sized trainer. "He turned pro late in 1955 under the management of Louis Guarascio, a former boxer."

Experts predict a good ring future for DiBiase, who likes boating, pedigree dogs (preferably boxers), jazz and popular music. He also plays the accordion.

TOMMY DANETTI

FOLLOWING in the footsteps of his father—Louie "Kid" Danetti, lightweight champion of the National Guard in 1924—Tommy Danetti has made an auspicious pro start by winning 4 fights, two by knockouts. Though holding down a job as receiving clerk for a hardware concern, Danetti trains daily under direction of Frank Pitcher at the Trinity Club in Brooklyn, where he resides with his parents and a brother.

Managers Bill "Moose" Miller and Frank Pitcher feel they have a real heavyweight prospect in the six-foot-180 pound youngster who was born on July 16, 1934. He attended St. Mary's Star of Sea school in Brooklyn and graduated from George Westinghouse high school.

In 1954 he competed in the amateurs, winning seven of ten contests, reaching the finals of the Golden Gloves.

A refined young man, Tommy possesses the fiery temperament of his Italian father and the charm of his Irish mother. "I'm ambitious to make both of the races I represent proud of me by winning the heavyweight title," he announces with a nice smile. "In a way I'm glad this is quite a few years away, as Rocky Marciano is my favorite fighter and I would not enjoy fighting him—and maybe punishing him."

Young Danetti, whose best punch is a right cross, likes baseball, swimming and handball. He is most dangerous in the ring when hurt or dropped—not unlike a wounded tiger.

"This boy has real ring potential; all he needs is experience," declares Frankie Pitcher, old-time lightweight.

DISTINIO LOIS

HAVING started off on the right foot—or, in this case, his left hand, for jabbing and hooking purposes—Distinio Lois intends to keep right on winning fights and become a headliner, and in due time a champion. The 5-foot-9 155-pounder feels that he has the physical equipment to reach that cherished goal. He has speed, fighting spirit and a devastating wallop.

Distinio was born in New York on Jan. 24, 1936, of Puerto Rican parents, and is one of 3 brothers and two sisters. "I knew some PAL boxers," Lois explains, "and that interested me in fisticuffing. I started fighting in that organization in 1950, having been taught the finer points of the ring by Frank Rodriguez in the Bronx."

Entering amateur competition 3 years later, the lanky

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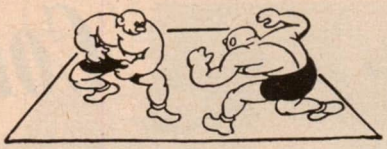
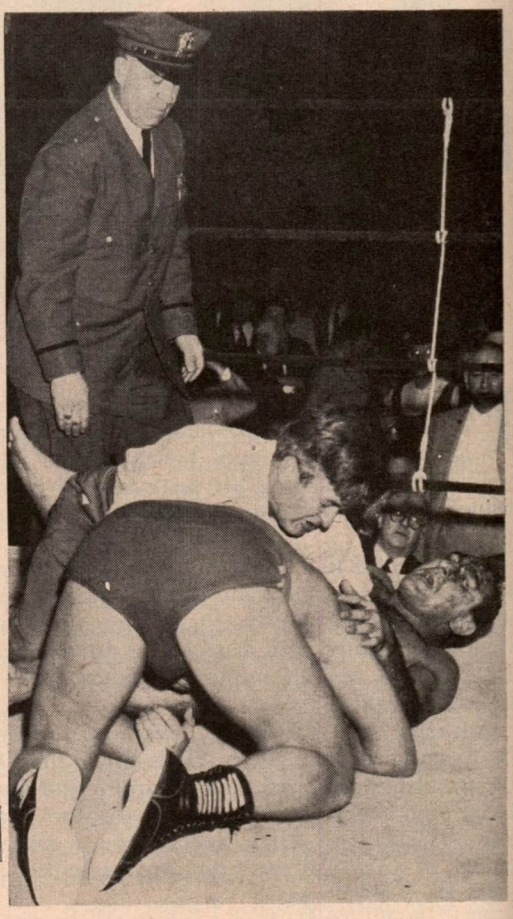
THE MAT WORLD



By NAT LOUBET

Top: Betty Hawkins, brown-haired, blue-eyed grappler from Kentucky. Middle Photo: Jack Allen fast-moving Milwaukee groaner, one of the U. S.'s better canvas merchants. Right: Betty White, well built girl wrestler, who is a favorite of the fans.



Note Antonio Rocca, on the bottom. His face had been well worked over by Lord Leslie Carleton of California. The match went to a draw verdict due to the 11 PM curfew law in N. Y., where the bout took place. The boys were so enraged that after the match was officially over it took the special police to stop the carnage. Damage to Rocca occurred when Carleton threw him into a ring post.

ON AND AROUND THE MAT . . .

WRESTLING is going with a bang up in Canada . . . Big Bill Miller is on tour in those cold lands . . . Pedro Godogy, Hawaiian champ, until recently was campaigning in Montreal and has now moved on to the state of Oregon.

We are sorry to hear that the Ray Gunkel Fan Club in Texas is folding, for the time being, due to lack of material . . . .

Johnny Rougeau and Wilbur Snyder both busy in Canada . . . incidently, Rougeau's brother Jacques has turned to the pro ranks . . . .

Johnny Barend and Sandor Kovacs recently won the Hawaiian Tag Team crown . . . . Johnny is back in New York after completing his latest tour. Nick Lutze, 54, one time prominent wrestler who matriculated into the promotional end of the game after giving up his togs, passed away from a heart attack. In recent years Lutze had been operating an auto maintenance shop in Beverley Hills, Cal. We are sorry to hear of his leaving us.

The City Commission of Florence, Alabama, has banned wrestling matches on grounds of brawling. Recent chair throwing was the straw that broke the back of grappling. City Fathers claim that police were unable to cope with the rowdy demonstrations.

LADY PINS HUSBAND: . . . . Marie Streb, who grappled under the nom de groan of "Gypsy Lee" charged that her husband, two inches shorter than she, knocked her down and kicked her. . . . She didn't object to being knocked down but strenuously objected to being booted in the bargain . . . . Her husband disclaimed all knowledge of the mismatch.

Antonio Rocca, bare-foot boy from the Argentine, made his first appearance of the current season at Boston's Garden and defeated Emil Dusek of Omaha in straight falls. Rocca turned the trick with a flying head scissors at 13:10 and then gained the second fall at 8:51 to win the match with a back breaker . . . . Rocca then moved on to Hartford, Connecticut, where he crossed hands with "Roughhouse" Buddy Lee of New York . . . . It was a fast and furious match that saw Lee use abusive tactics

that in recent weeks made him the villain of Hartford's Footguard Hall . . . . The first fall was won by Rocca when the ref disqualified Lee for refusing to break when ordered. The second stanza went to seven minutes with Rocca ending the match successfully with a series of leg scissors that rendered Lee helpless . . . . Back up to Boston went Rocca to team up with Pat O'Connor in a best two out of three Tag Team match against Emil and Ernie Dusek . . . . it ended with the Duseks on the bottom leg of the rubber fall. . . . Ernie pinned O'Connor for the first fall and then Rocca came back with a flying head scissors at 3:50 and O'Connor with a drop kick press at 10:16 to win the match.

At Los Angeles a three man Tag Team match with Rocky Valentine, Sandor Szabo and Prince Maiava won over the trio of Tom Rice, John Tolas and The Great Togo in an exciting match.

Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium saw Enrique Torres retain his Pacific Coast mat crown by downing Mike Sharpe in straight falls . . . . Torres won the first fall when his opponent was disqualified for refusing to break a choke hold and then gained the nod of the ref to win the match when Sharp not only refused to break a choke hold but was charged with unusual roughness to boot.

A personable grappler Art Michalik, a real pro, seen here being snapped by the camera with his missus.

FAN CLUBS CORNER

These new clubs would appreciate your support:

Ray Gunkel Club, Chap. #3, Jean Weatherbee, Pres. Box 56, Commerce, Texas; Rito Romero Club, Chapt. #2, Jo Nell Cox, Pres. R. R. 2, Floresville, Texas; Jim Grabmire Club, Mary Hasley, Nat'l Pres. R. R. 6—Fay St., Marietta, Ohio.

Johnny Rougeau fan club, Mrs. Marie Hasley, President, Marietta, Ohio, R.R. 6. Dick Beyer Fan Club, Shirley Ashcraft, President, Frazeysburg, Ohio.

THESZ-SNYDER STALEMATE . . . BY BOB UTTER

PROMOTER BILLY THOM'S fourth annual charity card for the Leader Dog League of Rochester, Mich., was held last month at the State Fairgrounds Coliseum in Indianapolis in a spectactular presentation which drew a crowd of 11,500 and a gross gate of over $15,000.

Headlining Thom's star-studded show was Heavyweight Champion Lou Thesz who grappled to a 90-minute stalemate with Wilson Snyder in the feature scrap while June Byers, lady mat queen from Houston, Tex., downed Blond Cathy Branch in two straight falls to snag the semiwindup.

Thesz, who won the championship from Wild Bill Longson in a Coliseum bout back in 1948, never looked better in holding the former University of Utah athlete on even terms. Champion Thesz was a master during most of the bout although he did lose the second fall to Snyder when the latter caught Lou with a dropkick and a body press. The champ captured first fall honors with a flying body sissors and a body press. The remaining time was grappled with neither man being able to record a fall.

Miss Byers won first fall honors over curvacious Cathy with a dropkick and a body press and then came back after a short intermission to score the second fall with a flying body sissors. Champion Byers weighed 148; Branch 149.

An opening tag match saw Handsome Ray Gunkle, 235, Chicago, and Billy Goeltz, 212, New York City, defeat the tag team of Sheik Araby, 235, Columbus, O., and his partner Gypse Joe, 212, Toledo, in a thriller. Lou Thomas officiated the opener and the Byers-Branch go, while Jumpin' Joe Savoldi, the former All-American football star from Notre Dame, refereed the Thesz-Snyder headliner.

FROM WINNIPEG . . . BY CY LOUTH

WARNING to wrestling villians; Stay away from Winnipeg.

Villians are falling like flies at Alex Turk's well attended shows at the civic auditorium, and the hungry fans are happy.

First is was the mad Russians, Ivan and Karol Kalminkoff and their evil team mate, Gene Dubuque, who fell to defeat via the disqualification route to such hero types as Tim Geohagen, Tony Baillargeon and his huskier brother, Paul. Tony took the first fall by pinning Karol, Dubuque, captured the second by subduing Tony, while Referee Bronko Nagurski stepped in to halt the third stanza when the Russians got out of control.

The following week the same thing happened. Back from Australia and New Zealand came Dirty Dick Raines, 240, of Texas, only to find himself and his Texas pal, Lou Plummer, 242, losing out to such striplings as Bobby Managoff, 238, Los Angeles, and Tiny Tony Baillargeon, 218,

Tiger Joe Marsh (left) just in case you found it hard to determine which is Marsh and which is Susan Haywood. The Tiger has been teaching Miss Haywood's 10 year old twin boys the gentle art of wrestling. She is pretty isn't she?

of Montreal, Canada.

Raines lived up to his name, and left vivid red welts on Tony's back when he manicured him with his silver horseshoe. But Tony returned the compliment a couple of falls later, when he mutilated both Raines and Plummer with the sharp edges of the good luck charm which Dirty Dick insisted on hanging on the turn buckle in his corner.

The first fall went to Raines, who wrecked Tony with a series of knee drops. Baillargeon retaliated to take the second from Raines following a series of drop kicks and headlocks, while Managoff finished off the match by pinning Plummer after all but knocking him cold.

In the final moments, Raines made the mistake of illegally entering the ring and when the final count was called he lay face downwards on the mat, with Plummer and Managoff sprawled on top of him. Plummer's shoulders, however, were firmly on the mat, despite Raines' bulk which cushioned the rest of him.

In the semi wind-up, Winnipeg's own George Gordienko, 237, took only 13:20 to polish off villianous Gene Dubuque, 232, Hollywood. At first the fans feared that Dubuque's unethical tactics would prove too much for the clean-wrestling Winnipegger. However, George's phenominal strength served him in good stead, and Dubuque was unable to hold onto him.

In the special event, Aldo Bogni, 255, the moustachioed Argentinian felt that by clinging to the ropes he could gain some respite from the torment he was receiving at the hands of popu- Danno O'Shocker, 230, Hamilton, Canada. However, the Canadian thought different, and yanked Bogni back into the center of the ring so violently that he latter took the ropes with him, causing no end of consternation among the staff of the auditorium.

The battle continued, as repairs were being made, and ended with Bogni giving up after the O'Shocker applied a punishing backbreaker.

In the opener, Brian Clary, 233, of Santa Monica, Cal., and Larry Hamilton, 230, address not programmed, went to a 30 minute draw. It was a hectic bout and the two gladiators deserve a re-match. The mob here would love it.

The week previous, Brian, a favorite with the crowd, was defeated by Red Bastien, 208, Minneapolis, another favorite, after 21 minutes of clean, speedy wrestling. In the special event, Danno O'Shocker took the measure of Fritz Von Ulm, 245, York, Pa., again with a back breaker. Tony Baillargeon took the opener when Tough Guy Dubuque decided to throw out the rule book and ignore the referee. He was disqualified.

DON KALT . . .

MR. MUSCLES HIMSELF!

Good-looking Don Kalt, a former body beautiful from Pittsburgh, Pa., turned professional three years ago and is already considered tops in the twist'em and bend'em fraternity.

In 1950 the 5-foot 11-inch, 210 pound blond won the Mr. Pennsylvania contest and in an AAU weight-lifting meet the same year totaled 870 pounds in the three Olympic lifts. His press was 285, snatch 260 and clean & jerk 325. His bodyweight then was 180 pounds.

Two years later he captured an all-state wrestling title and played semi-pro football with one of the country's top teams.

In June 1955, he and his partner Fay Stevens teamed to defeat Bill Melby and Billy Darnell for the world's junior heavyweight tag team championship. The match was held in Tampa, Fla.

"I would say that Buddy Rogers is about the best man I have wrestled," says Kalt. "I have also wrestled Baron Leone, Edmund Francis, Don Eagle and Argentina Rocca."

Kalt, 22, selects steaks and sea foods as his choice foods and hunting and fishing his number one and two form of recreation.

JACK ALLEN . . .

BORN in Milwaukee, Wis., 27 years ago, Jack Allen is a cinch to hit matdom's big time before many months!

Having studied for four years under his famous wrestling uncle, Frederick Von Schacht, the likeable black-haired Allen has bowled over several big names since turning to the money ranks seven years ago.

Like many new men in wrestling, Jack started in a Milwaukee Y.M.C.A. He was tutored on the side by Von

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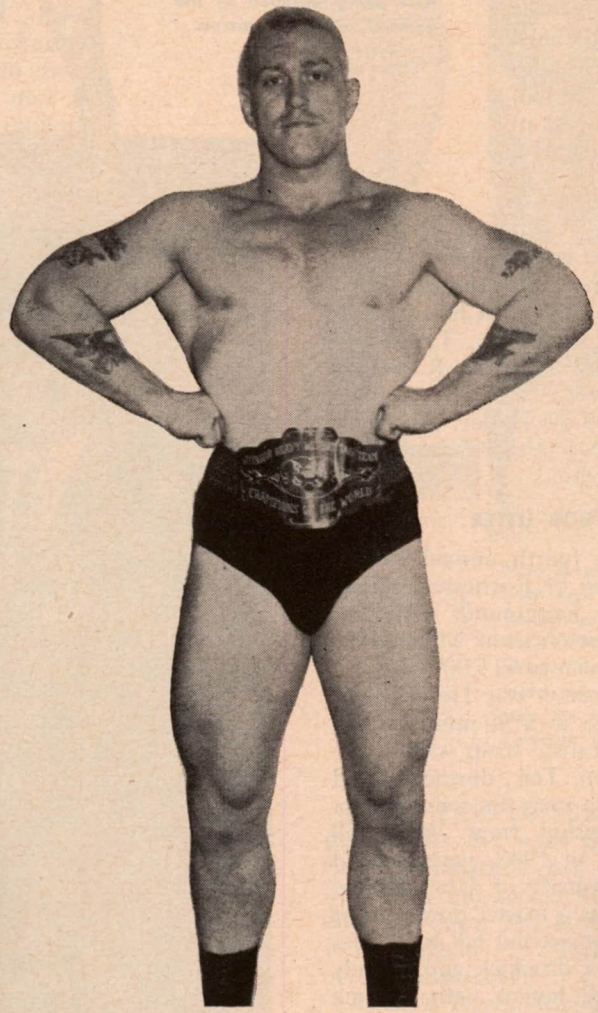

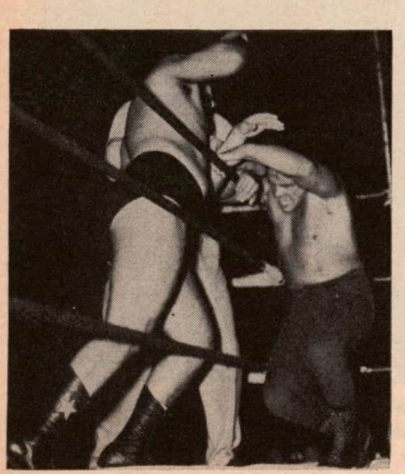

Left: Shiek Araby chopping away at the Mighty Atlas, who is outside the ring. Both were disqualified for using improper tactics. Photo by Bob Utter.

Above: The body beautiful exhibited by junior heavyweight Don Kalt of Pittsburgh.

Right: Leo Nomellini, football player and favorite of the Pacific Coast grappling fans as he looks in his yaching costume.

JOHNNY SAXTON vs. CARMEN BASILIO

FOR WELTER TITLE

CONTRASTING styles can play the major role in a fight. There are some boxers who are able to defeat superior fighters on style alone. It is this that accounts for the majority of boxing upsets.

A fine example of how different styles can play a major role in a fight is the contrasting styles of the champion and challenger of the welterweight title fight in Chicago Stadium between Carmen Basilio of Syracuse and Johnny Saxton of Brooklyn.

Basilio, a converted southpaw with a wicked left hook is an aggressive boxer who will tirelessly carry the fight to his opponent, absorbing punishment but slowly wearing his man down with solid body punches. He is a throw back to the old time long distance fighter, the longer the fight the better he is. As in his two fights with Tony DeMarco, Carmen came back after taking some vicious punches to overcome the younger DeMarco and knock him out. Although he doesn't have a outstanding knockout record, there were many of his fights in which his opponents were dead tired and arm weary at the end of the tenth round. Had these fights been set for a longer distance they too would have been stopped as was DeMarco, by Basilio's relentless attack.

Saxton, on the other hand is a smooth boxer, a smart counter-puncher who can score with some damaging blows while on the defensive. Johnny is always on the move, jabbing away with his left and shifting his attack from the body to the head, and back again. He will set his own pace and if he is able to make his foe fight that way can look great. He rarely will lead, but is adapt at tying his opponents up, and offsetting their efforts.

He has turned in some of his best fights against the busy aggressive type of man, beating Ralph Jones, Joe Miceli, Virgil Akins, and Joe Giardello. Busy boys such as Gil Turner, and DeMarco have whipped him.

Basilio has been troubled by the crafty boxer, losing early in his career to Billy Graham, Chuck Davey, Johnny Cesario and Lester Felton. But since he was defeated by Kid Gavilan over two years ago he has been unbeatable.

Against common opponents, Turner, DeMarco, Gavilan, Miceli, Felton, Morgart, Koballa, and Ferland, Saxton shows an edge, but of the last two years Basilio's record is more impressive.

Saxton won the title by outboxing Gavilan, and he lost it to DeMarco who wore him down. The same DeMarco that was beaten into a state of utter collapse by Carmen. So you figure it out.

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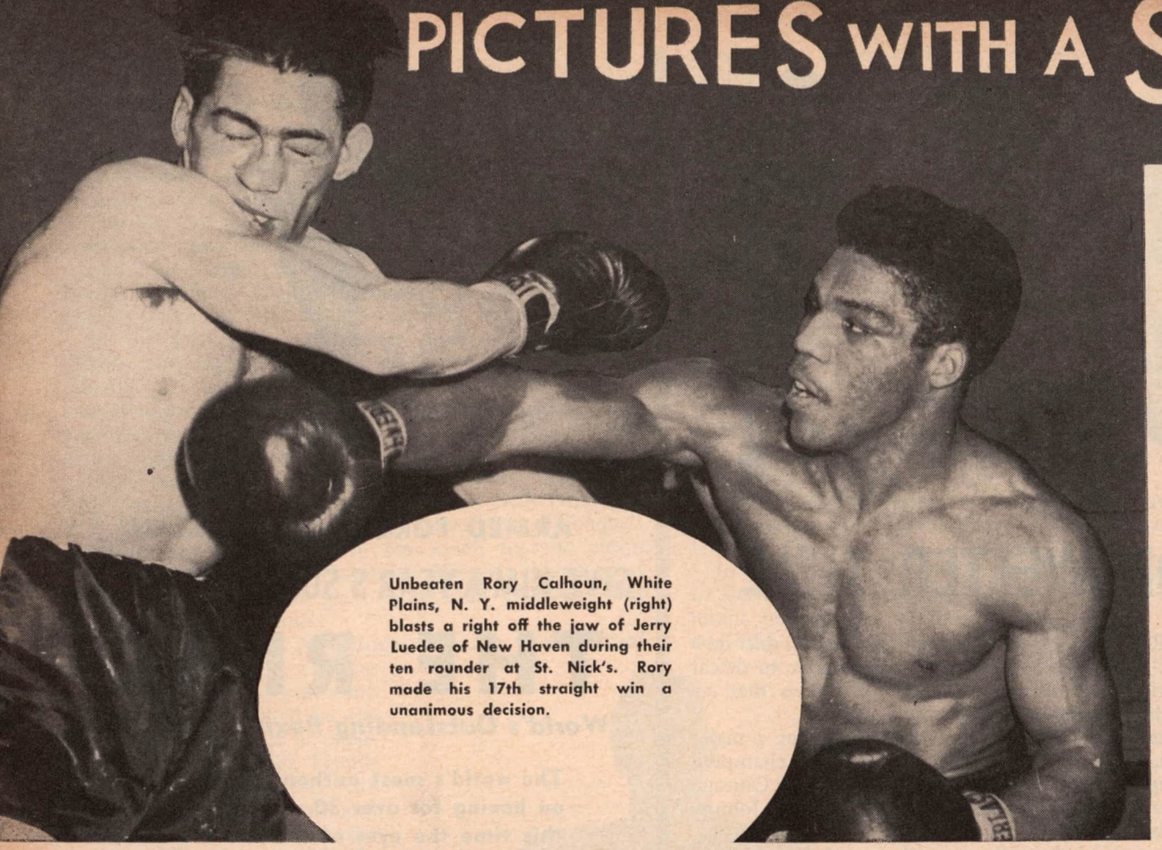
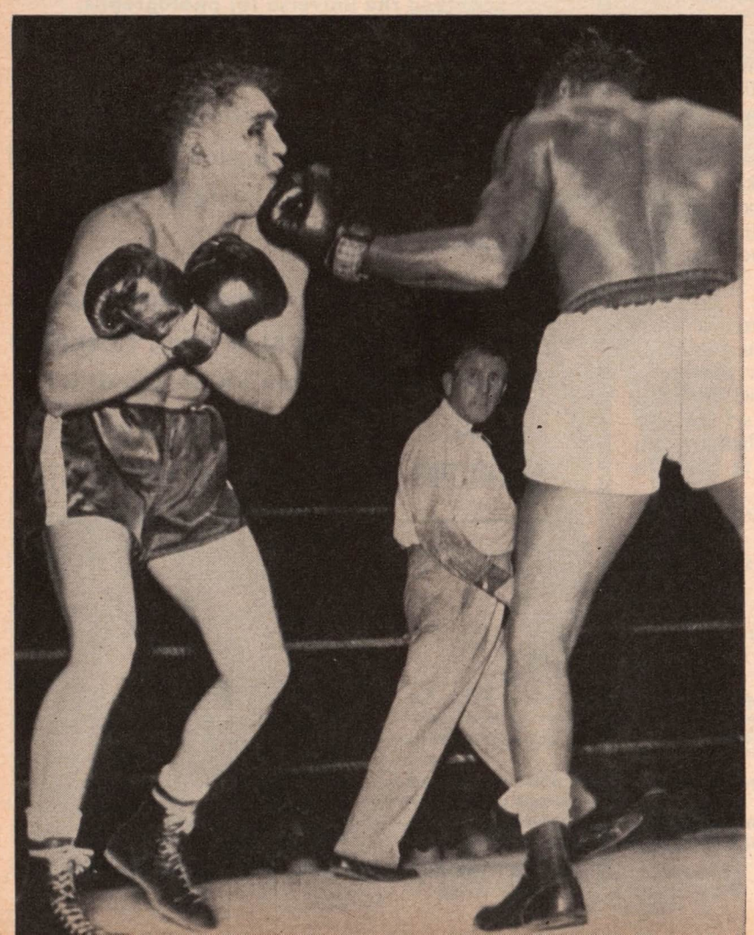
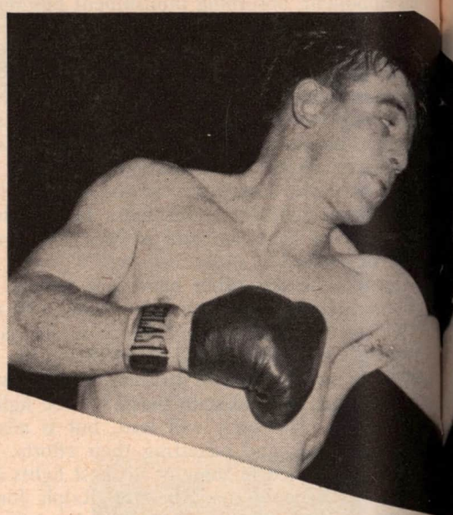


Unbeaten Rory Calhoun, White Plains, N. Y. middleweight (right) blasts a right off the jaw of Jerry Luedee of New Haven during their ten rounder at St. Nick's. Rory made his 17th straight win a unanimous decision.

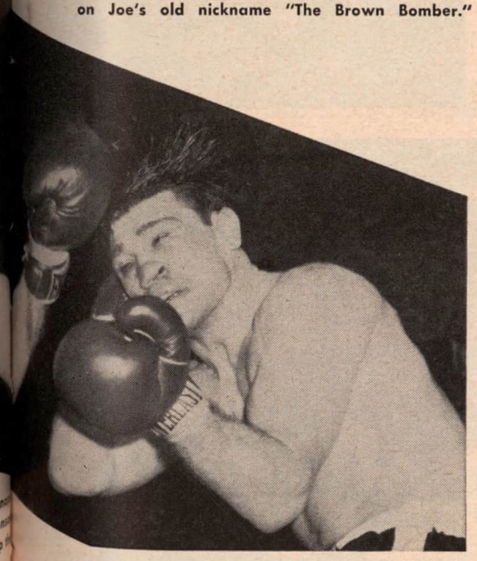
Former world heavyweight champion Joe Louis and new wife were recent guests on TV's "Masquerade Party." They were disguised as bomber pilots. The hint to the panel was a play on Joe's old nickname "The Brown Bomber."

Chuck Speiser, Lansing, Mich. light heavyweight, (left) wades in against fancy Willie Pastrano in the third round of their battle at Miami Beach, Fla. Chuck gained a measure of revenge for a beating at Willie's hands last fall by gaining a draw verdict over ten rounds. →





Former British middleweight champ Johnny Sullivan [illegible] back the head of New York light heavyweight Tony John[illegible] during their St. Nick's ten rounder, that saw Sullivan cop [illegible] decision despite a 10 pound weight disadvantage.



Gil Turner stops Jackie LaBua in his tracks with a sharp [illegible] hook to the chin during their slugfest at Syracuse, N. Gil won a split decision over his younger foe in an exci[illegible] middleweight brawl that was close all the way.

German middleweight king Hans Stretz (left) blocks a right thrown by Frenchman Charley Humez, the European champion, during their ten round non-title bout in Berlin. An eight round knockdown won the fight for Humez after a close action packed fight. The verdict was met with a loud round of boos, as the crowd felt Stretz earned at least a draw.

WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

by JOE SMITH

Boxer Learns New Offense . . . Former lightweight championship contender George Araujo cleans his M-1 rifle during basic training at Fort Dix, N. J. . . . the 24-year-old Providence fighter turned in his trunks for the uniform of an Army private.

AN AMERICAN ARMY OFFICER was honored by the German Amateur Boxing Association in Bremerhaven, when the group presented him his official's license in the ring at the semi-final matches for the German police championships.

Capt. Robert J. Surkein, Household Goods and Baggage officer at the Bremerhaven Port of Embarkation, is one of the few Americans who hold an official's license in the German amateur boxing circles.

The certificate was presented by Mr. Hugo Rusch, sports director for the Amateur Boxing Association of Lower Saxony. Mr. Rusch said he could not recall any other previous ceremony of its kind in Germany.

A crowd of 1,200 persons was on hand at Seeback Halle when Mr. Rusch climbed into the ring between bouts to announce that the license would be presented to Captain Surkein. A loud round of applause greeted the announcement because most of the spectators know the captain from his association with the BSV-Nordsee (Boxsport-Verein Nordsee), a Bremerhaven boxing club.

The 37-year-old Transportation Corps officer, who holds the Army Commendation Ribbon with metal pendant and oak leaf cluster, joined the club shortly after he arrived here last July. He brought a modicum of fame to the local organization in early November when he was named one of the three officials at the bouts between the American National Amateur Boxing team, now touring Europe, and the German amateur team at Hamburg.

Captain Surkein brings a lot of experience to the local boxing scene, having been associated with boxing since his own CYO amateur boxing days in the Bronx in New York City. His parents live at 2665 Grand Concourse, New York, N. Y.

Frankfurt, Germany . . . Checking the physical condition of Pfc. Angelo Malave, 138-pound-lightweight from New York City, is Maj. Gen. Richard W. Stephens, U. S. Army Northern Area Command CG.

Since his entry into the service in 1941, Captain Surkein has officiated at hundreds of service boxing matches. He refereed about 100 inter-service bouts at Fort Polk, La., in 1944; about 600 fights at Fort Meade, Md., in 1945; Florida State Golden Gloves Tournament in 1946; in the European Command and Austria in 1947, 48 and 49 and the US Army Amateur European Championships in 1948 and 1949; inter-service fights, Washington, D. C. 1953-54 and 55; judged 1955 Golden Gloves Tourney, Washington, D. C.

Not only has the captain refereed fights, he also has trained and coached boxers. He helped train US Army boxers in Austria for the 1948 Olympics and while at Cameron Station, Va., he coached the Military District of Washington boxing team which participated in the US Army Championships in 1954-55.

Captain Surkein holds a license as a referee and judge for amateur boxing issued by the Boxing Commission of Washington, D. C.

Asked his opinion of the caliber of amateur boxing in Europe, the captain said he firmly believes that it is a much better type of boxing than is conducted in the States. "The boxers over here make a science of the game. They are much better schooled in the art of boxing and until our American amateurs learn this international system of boxing, they'll continue to make poor showings."

He felt the amateur team touring Europe now is fast learning this style of boxing and can be expected to do better.

Captain Surkein is married and the father of two children. His wife, Winifred, son, Robert, and daughter, Kathleen, live with him in Bremerhaven.

Award of German Officials License . . . Mr. Hugo Rusch (left) Sports Director of Amateur Boxing Association of Lower Saxony, Germany, presents Captain Robert J. Surkein with the German Amateur Boxing Association Officials License.

KNOCKOUT KING IN SHAPE

FRANKFURT, GERMANY . . . Much of the U. S. Army Northern Area Command's boxing hopes this year rests squarely on the broad shoulders of Pfc. Angelo Malave, 138-pound lightweight from New York.

The hard hitting Malave holds a string of 39 consecutive knock-outs, and has held four championship titles since 1948.

The five-foot, seven-inch soldier's career started in New York, when he participated in AAU featherweight competition.

Presently a member of the 7811 AU in NACom's Kassel Subarea, Malave joined the Army in 1947, and began his military boxing career at Fort Dix, N. J., as a member of the 60th Inf. Regt. "Go Devils".

While at Fort Dix, he encountered men from the 39th, 47th, 364th, and 365th Inf. Regts. Many of his opponents were nationally-ranked boxers, including Wallace Bud Smith, present lightweight champion of the world.

The 28-year-old kayo artist slugged his way to the pre-Olympic feather-weight crown in 1948, only to be stopped by Fifth Army's Howard Stuart in the finals at Chicago.

From 1948 to 1950, Malave held the Army lightweight and featherweight titles, besting top-notch competition in both classes for more than two years.

In 1949, Pfc Malave was assigned to West Point, where he served as a physical training instructor to the Army's future leaders for 18 months.

Although he lost the Army lightweight championship to Vic Wynn in 1950, Angelo copped the Inter-Service lightweight crown that same year, overcoming rugged competition from Navy, Air-Force, Marines and Coast Guard pugilists.

In 1951 Malave dropped the Army featherweight title to Tommy Collins who later became a contender for the world-title.

Demonstrating the same zeal and determination in his studies as he does in boxing, Malave earned his high school diploma in 1954 through the Army's USAFI educational system.

The Bronx, N. Y., gladiator is now working himself into shape at Frankfurt's 7811 AU gym, pointing towards the coming boxing season's competition.

He is the son of Mrs. Anna Malave, who resides at 112 East 103rd Street in New York City.

This inhabitant of the squared circle attributes his ring success to the excellent training he has received, his wiry build, and the fact that he loves the sport.

Explains the scrappy battler, "Boxing is an art, one which must be thoroughly studied to be appreciated and understood. I don't feel that boxing is a business, and that's why I have never fought professionally, although I have received many offers."

POST CARDS

Bill Sheffy . . . an airman second class at Pepperell AFB, Newfoundland, has been boxing since '51 and in 247 bouts he's won 246 . . . 197 by kayos.

Irish Bob Murphy . . . "Rookie of the year" . . . is also a Korean veteran.

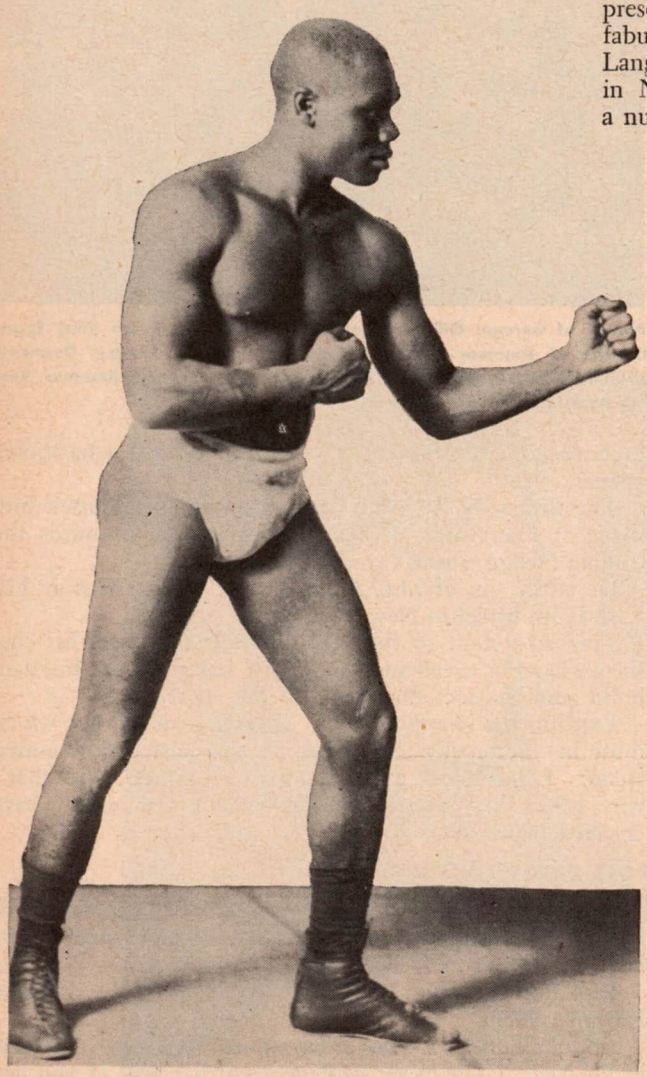
Armour James . . . has been named IX Corps' "Athlete of the Year." The clever bantamweight has won 21 and lost three this year against top service and civilian pugilists.

Famous Fight with Jack Johnson Put Boston Tar Baby In International Spotlight

THE LANGFORD LEGEND

By NAT FLEISCHER

LEGENDS are the backbone of sports. In boxing there would be little to write about the romance of pugilism if it weren't for the legends that have been handed down over the years. There is probably no member of the cauliflower brigade, past or present, about whom more stories have been written, many of them fabulous tales that are based on pure imagination, than of Sam Langford, "Ho, Ho" and the "Boston Tar Baby", as he was known in New England where he made his start and where he died in a nursing home on January 13.



Old "Tham" as he looked in the prime of his career. At this stage he scaled no more than a welterweight.

The story that has drawn the greatest amount of attention is that of "Langford's knockdown" of Jack Johnson in their fight at Chelsea, Mass., on April 26, 1906, and that he had Johnson on the verge of a knockout. Nothing further from the truth was ever printed. Jack was neither down nor at any time near a kayo. It was Langford who suffered bodily but Johnson who suffered mentally due to an unprecedented amount of ballyhoo, the shrewd work of Joe Woodman, Sam's manager.

The story of Johnson's fear of Langford has been told and retold. Like myths that keep growing with each repetition, so the story of the knockdown and near defeat of the Galveston Giant by the Boston Tar Baby has become a legend.

There's no doubt that Langford was a great fighter. He could sock as his record of knockouts testify.

But many of the yarns that have found their way into Fistiana's archives are not based on facts. They can readily be debunked. Even Joe Woodman, now well into his seventies and for many years manager of Langford, admits that too many stories about Sambo's greatness are far fetched.

EVIDENCE PROVES LANGFORD'S DEFEAT

I recall a visit Johnson paid me in 1936 following an article that had appeared in "The Ring" on his bout with Sam Langford. The article, written by George Pardy, a member of the staff, who had been an excellent bantam in Chicago and later had become the star sport writer of the Chicago "Inter Ocean," referred to the Galveston Giant as a heavyweight who feared to place his title on the line against Langford because he was afraid of the outcome due, said Pardy, "to the beating Jack has received from Sam in their Chelsea fight."

"See here, Nat," said Johnson, with eyes popping out of his head, "this is most unfair to me. Your father-in-law,

A. D. Phillips, was at the fight and he wrote a true account of what happened. Here is what he said in answer to Langford's claim:

"There never was a fighter the equal of Jack Johnson. He rates Number One in my book. I've often read stories of his bout with Langford which belittle Johnson and lift Langford to the skies. They tell of the lacing he gave to Johnson and how he came close to scoring a knockout. All of that talk is rubbish. I reported that fight and the victory of Johnson was clear-cut. There never was a time in the fifteen rounds that Langford looked the winner. Let's stop all that tommyrot and give to Johnson the credit he deserves."

I didn't have to read the article the Galveston Giant handed me. I often had heard the grand old man who wrote boxing articles until the day he passed away at the ripe age of eighty-nine, tell of the prowess of Johnson. Everytime he read of the Langford hoax in-re that Chelsea contest, he flew into a rage.

EXPERTS BACKED JOHNSON IN LANGFORD DISPUTE

But he wasn't the only one who offered proof that Sambo was clearly outfought, outpointed by Johnson at Chelsea. The "Police Gazette" article by its Sports Editor, Sam Austin, the report of Tad, famous journalist and cartoonist, the "Mirror of Life" of England and reports from the ringside by Steve Mahoney, Sports Editor of the "Boston Record", and Alec McLean, Boston promoter, all substantiated the statement of Johnson that he beat Langford fairly and by a wide margin.

"Tad", reporting for the "New York Jouranl", wrote: "Jack Johnson was given the decision over Sam Langford. He dropped Sam and won the fight easily."

The "Mirror of Life", which printed the life story of Langford, quoted Sam:

"In April, 1906, I defeated Joe Jeannette in 15 rounds and in the same ring about three weeks later, I faced Johnson and he handed me the first real beating I ever received. But it must be remembered that I was only a middleweight then, scaling 156 pounds against 187 for Johnson."

And Mahoney, writing for the "Boston Record", reported that Johnson handed Sam a terrific shellacking.

"Jack had every advantage over Sam, who got an artistic trimming as ever was received in the Hub. The Boston Tar Baby was dropped for a count of nine. When he got to his feet, a right to the eye swelled the organ and when the fight was over, he showed a badly bruised face."

And Hype Igoe, famous boxing scribe, sitting in my office with Johnson and me, added to the Mahoney account:

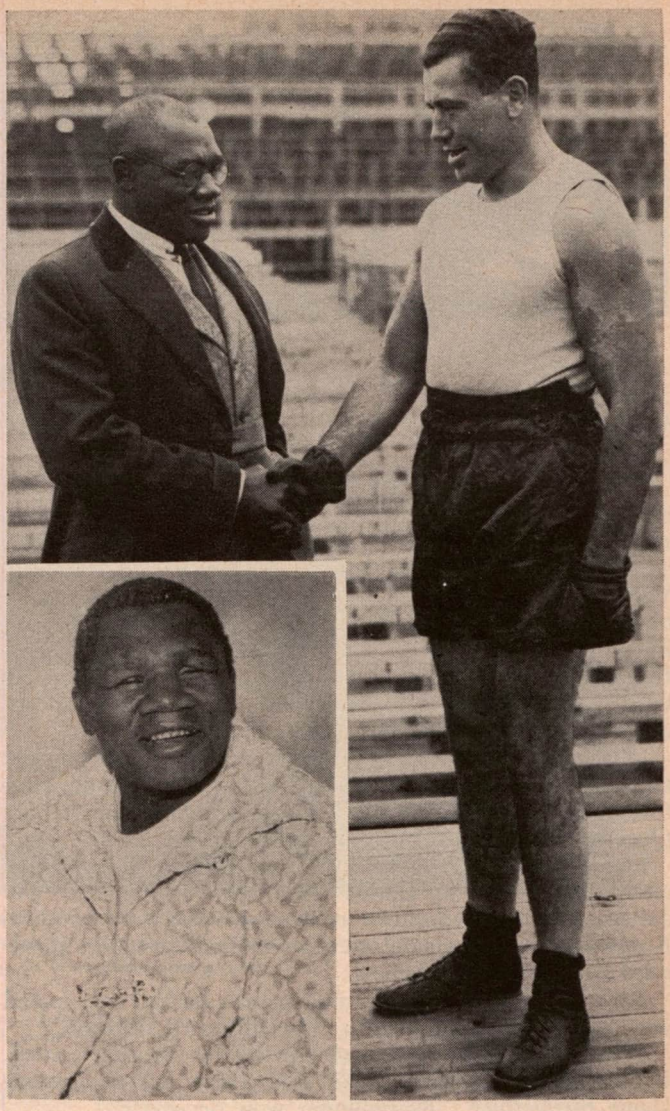
"Yes, and when Old Tham came to San Francisco a week later to appear at a benefit for San Francisco's fire sufferers, his face still showed signs of that battle."

And to add to the evidence of his victory and to further tear down the attempt to glorify Sam at his expense, Johnson tossed on my desk the report of Austin, the "Police Gazette" editor wrote:

"With a gameness and capacity for punishment beyond the powers of a human being, Sam Langford, spotting Jack Johnson many pounds, 156 to 185, went fifteen rounds with the Galveston Giant at the Lincoln A. C., of Chelsea, Mass., but lost the verdict. A right hook to Sam's jaw put Langford down in the eighth for a count of nine. He got to his feet and it looked like the bout would have to be stopped.

"Johnson, eager to finish his man, made a vicious swing at his opponent, lost his balance and fell. He was up in a moment and went after Sam until the bell rang. It was no knockdown."

All of which proves that legends often become "facts" in the minds of some. Even Joe Woodman agrees on that point.



(Above) Langford shaking hands with Erminio Spalla, Italian heavyweight champion, in the latter's training camp where he tuned up for his fight with Gene Tunney. (Insert) The Boston Tar Baby in hospital togs, following the first operation on his eyes in 1935.

LANGFORD'S PUNCHING POWER SCARED HIS OPPONENTS

They came no better than Langford but let's give credit where credit is due and toss aside once and for all time the bunk that Langford was jobbed in his bout with Johnson; that he almost knocked out Jack and that he put Johnson down. It was all brought about by ballyhoo.

To Woodman goes the credit for building this myth and keeping alive the Johnson-Langford tale over the years. After Johnson died, I did a favor for Woodman and in return, I asked that he give me two secrets—the date of his birth and the true story of the Langford myth. He obliged but swore me to secrecy in-re his birthday.

"I don't want the public to know my age. I'm superstitious. I'll tell you, but you must not divulge it. So I've kept his secret and frequently get a laugh out of the age attributed to Joe by the sports scribes. But his side of the Langford-Johnson feud, he divulged without any binders.

"I was eager to get another fight for Sam and figured that I could force Johnson into another battle by a ballyhoo drive. So I sent out stories about the Chelsea fight stating that Sam had been robbed.

"I took advantage of Johnson's slip to the canvas by

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Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

WATCHING the weird, helter-skelter antics of Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson in his Madison Square Garden affair with Bob Baker, our thoughts went drifting back through the years to other ringsters who attained varying degrees of success with strange, unorthodox styles. The sock market classified them as "clowns." We couldn't recall them all, but some of those who came to mind were Wild Man Gould, Memphis Pal Moore, Battling Bozo, Lee Oma and Slapsie Maxie Rosenbloom. It also would seem permissible to include Max Baer, although the Merry Madcap's clowning was more of an act and not part of his actual fighting style.

The most fitting description we've heard of these unusual characters was offered thirty years ago by Dave Shade, after the second of two meetings with Rosenbloom at the old Queensboro Stadium in Long Island City.

Shade, who had outgrown the welterweight division, was rated among the top middleweight title contenders. He didn't figure to have much trouble with the then youthful Rosenbloom, whose main assets were durability and an awkward slap-dash aggressiveness.

Dave ran into more of a problem than he had anticipated and Slapsie Maxie grabbed a close, disputed decision.

Shade wasn't satisfied, and howled for another match. He was accommodated. This time there was no arguing about the verdict. Rosenbloom won decisively.

We were with Manager Leo P. Flynn when he ambled into Shade's dressing room after the bout. Dave was sitting disconsolately on a bench.

"Well," said Flynn, "are you convinced now?"

Shade looked up.

"Leo," he said, "I've been trying to figure that guy and his cock-eyed style. I give up. He's so •?!#&•?••?!• wrong, he's right!"

ROUGH ON REFEREES

That popular cinema production of a few years ago, "Odd Man Out", had nothing to do with the sock market, but those battling Buxtons of London, England, seem determined to rewrite the script and give it a boxing twist. Where the Buxtons are concerned, the Odd Man is, of course, the referee.

Recently, Alex of the clan was fighting Willi Besmanoff in Dortmund, Germany. As the seventh round was ending, Besmanoff let fly a left hook. The punch was on the way when the bell rang. The referee, Hans Linke, rushed in to halt hostilities. He was too late. The punch clipped Buxton on the chin, and as Alex's head shot back it crashed into the conk of the oncoming referee.

We've heard of killing two birds with one stone, but this was the first time we'd heard of one punch scoring a double knockout.

Down went Buxton, and down went Linke, on top of Alex. Into the ring scrambled the handlers of the fighters. The referee stumbled groggily to his feet. Buxton had to be assisted to his corner.

When the eighth and final round began, Buxton had recovered sufficiently to continue, but Linke had to be replaced by another referee, Baron Bergstroem.

The story reminded us of an incident involving Alex's brother, Laurie, when he was campaigning in the United States a few years ago.

It was in Newark, and Joe Walker, now New Jersey State Athletic Commissioner, then a referee, was handling a bout between Buxton and southpaw Mike DeCosmo. Neither fighter apparently heard the bell ending the tenth and last round. They were still mauling away when Walker stepped in to pry them apart. From out of the tangle something thudded against Joe's chin. Down he went, stretched out full length on his back, for as clean a kayo as any one could hope to see.

Nobody could say for sure whose fist had dumped Walker. Buxton said it was DeCosmo's. Mike said it was Laurie's. Joe himself, when he was revived, thought it could have been not one punch, but two, and both fighters were responsible. A tooth on the left side had been chipped and his mouth was torn on the right side. Joe figured he must have been clouted simultaneously by Buxton's right and DeCosmo's left.

ANENT MAX JONES AND HENRY LEWIS

Although his health had been failing for some time, it was a shock nevertheless to hear that Max Joss, 62, had taken the final count in Memorial Hospital, Brooklyn.

In all our years in this rugged trade, we cannot recall any promoter with whom it was more of a pleasure to do business that quiet, likable, honest Max. A contract to him was a mere formality. His word was better than any written agreement.

Born in Rumania, but reared in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, Joss had been active in local promotions since 1921. For several years he was prominent in National Guard armory boxing, a flourishing enterprise in the '20's. When ring activities ceased in the drillsheds, Max shifted to the "legitimate" clubs, and held forth at the historic Broadway Arena for fifteen or more years, until the advent of television forced him to close down. At various times, Max also dabbed in outdoor ventures at Dexter Park and Ebbets Field.

A grand guy, Max Joss. The local fight crowd will miss him.

Another prominent veteran of the trade, this one a referee, drifted out of this restless world when Henry (Hen) Lewis, 75, died in the Newark (N. J.) City Hospital.

If we recall rightly, Lewis was the first referee licensed in New Jersey when professional boxing was legalized there in 1918, and during the boom years that followed, he, Harry Ertle, Jim (Slim) Brennan and Danny Sullivan formed one of the most efficient officiating quartets any state has yet produced. Hen outlived his three contemporaries.

Lewis was a tough 'un in the ring, and played no favorites, not even world champions. Hen stood for no strange shenanigans, and when he became convinced a

fighter was not doing his best, he didn't hesitate to toss him out of the ring. He did it to a pair of champions—light-heavyweight Paul Berlenbach and welterweight Mickey Walker, when he didn't like what was going on in their bouts with Tony Marullo and Jimmy Jones in Newark's old Dreamland Park. The affairs are listed in the record books as "no contests."

Among the historic shindigs refereed by Lewis were the Benny Leonard-Rocky Kansas get-together at Harrison Field and the Luis Angel Firpo-Jess Willard sockfest at Boyle's Thirty Acres. During his long, busy career, Hen handled bouts involving such other headliners as Mike O'Dowd, Jack Britton, Johnny Dundee, Mike McTigue, George Chip, Harry Greb, Charley Weinert, Young Stribling, Gene Tunney, and Frankie Genaro.

Ill health forced Lewis' retirement during the '30s. Afflicted with diabetes, he lost a leg through surgery a few years ago.

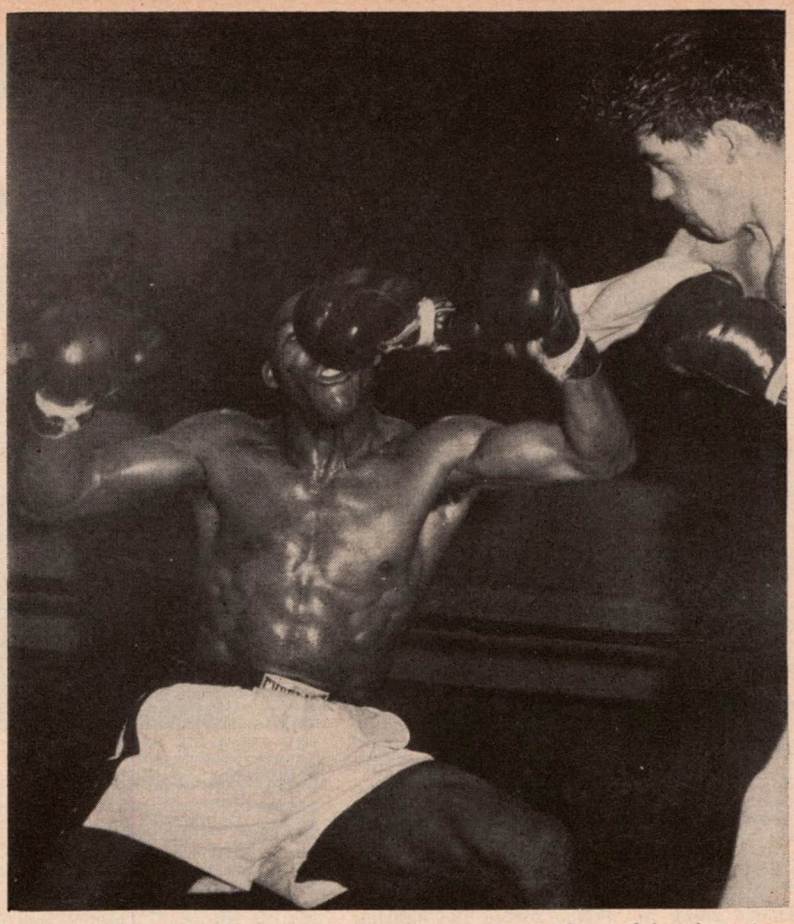
THESE AND THOSE

Recovering from pneumonia at Veterans Hospital, First Avenue and 23rd Street, promising Brooklyn lightweight Claude Norwood asks us, through these columns, to extend his thanks to the many boxing fans whose messages of cheer have helped to brighten his hospital stay.

Reports have it that Billy Peacock, top American bantam, will be going to Paris shortly to test the latest French sensation, Alphonse Halimi, whose brief but spectacular professional record to date shows ten straight wins, nine by knockouts.

Carmen Cook, popular Bridgeport lightweight of the '20s, writes that after twenty-three years away from boxing, he is getting back into the business, this time as a manager.

Another recent item out of the obit columns reported the passing of Artie (Little Monk) Simons, 62, in his native New Orleans. Simons never reached topline status, but he was a pretty good bantam during the pre-World War I and tangled with quite a few of the ranking 118-pounders. He and fellow-townsman Pete Herman fought a couple of times early in Pete's career. Artie was a brother of the late Claude (Monk) Simons, Tulane University football trainer and basketball coach.



Celebrating his TV debut at St. Nick's, unbeaten Rory Calhoun (left) whipped another promising youngster, Jerry Luedee, but he had some rough moments on the way, as this camera shot proves.

THE month's results:

Squaring accounts for a close decision lost in the same ring a few weeks before, Irish Mickey McGrath, 162½, Greenwich, Conn., outslugged Phil Rizzo, 158½, Brooklyn, in a brawling return eight at Sunnyside Garden. It was a free-swinging sockfest all the way, a knockdown in the fourth representing McGrath's winning margin. An estimated turnout of 1,500 and a gross gate of $2,000 were the second best figures yet reported by the Long Island City in its current non-TV venture. Outstanding among developments in the preliminaries was the second successive one-round triumph registered by young Tony DiBiase, 149, Astoria. This time the former Golden Glover needed only 38 seconds to dispose of Jack McGlynn, 150, Paterson, N. J. In the other fours, Tony LaGreca, 143½, Harlem, had the better of Castel Ortiz, 141, Puerto Rico; Rudy Graves, 190½, Brooklyn, earned the decision over Ray Batey, 186½, Corona, and Joe Donovan, 129½, Astoria, was declared winner when Carlos Sanchez, 129¾, Puerto Rico, was disqualified in the third. Unfamiliarity with the English language lost for Sanchez. Knocked down, he hopped up immediately, prepared to continue operations, but couldn't understand when the referee tried to explain that he had to take the mandatory eight-count. Thinking the bout had been stopped, Sanchez left the ring.

▶With a style more American than British, Johnny Sullivan, 163¾, Preston, England, made a tremendous impression in his first appearance as a TV attraction here. Spotting nine pounds to his rugged opponent, Tony Johnson, 172¾, East Side, Sullivan boxed and punched his way to an impressive win in an exciting ten at St. Nicholas Arena. At long range, Johnny used a jolting left to check Johnson's assaults. Twice that left knocked Tony off-balance and sent him reeling back to the ropes. A third time it toppled the Greek to the canvas, but Referee Mark Conn ruled it a slip, not a knockdown. Sullivan was even more effective in beating Johnson at the latter's own game, infighting. Johnny consistently crowded his heavier opponent to the ropes, pinned him there and outslugged him in the lively exchanges. It was a busy, fast-punching brawl all the way, with Sullivan having a bit too much all-around stuff for his bigger but slower rival. Al Weill's importation from Germany, Abraham Rosenberg, 193½, shaped up as a crude novice in losing to George Washington, 211, Brooklyn, in the semi-final six. Lou Perry, 211, Brooklyn, drew with a borough rival, Ray Dittrich, 170¾, in another six. In a pair of fours, Tommy Danetti, 174½, Brooklyn, won from Cy Anderson, 171¾, Newark, N. J., and Joe Gablio, 154½, decisioned Johnny Webster, 155¾, in an all-Brooklyn pairing.

▶Continuing to offer evenly-matched "club fighters," Sunnyside Garden came up with another lively non-TV card topped by a pair of middleweight eights and supported by a quartet of assorted fours. Unfortunately, the show didn't draw as well as had been expected. A threat of snow apparently scared off the customers. The attendance looked a disappointing 600 and the gate probably didn't go much beyond $1,000, but those who did turn out were well rewarded by a well-paired card that bristled with action. Every bout went its full distance. In the windup, Hardy Smallwood, 157¾, Brooklyn, hustled his way to a decision over durable Lou Stanich, 157, Youngstown, O., and in the co-feature Mike Campbell, 153, Harlem, had the better of Bert Bailey, 152½, Brooklyn. In the preliminaries, Ernie Bridgeforth, 161, Bronx, grabbed the decision over Ed Donaway, 161, Miami, Fla.; Julius Rhodes, 140½, Norristown, Pa., was a winner over Dan Jones, 141¾, Brooklyn; George Harrell, 160¾, Bronx, outfought Sammy Straws, 158½, Philadelphia, and Hector Maldonado, 131¾, drew with a rival Brooklynite, Ira Williams, 135½.

▶Promoted to main-event status and a TV billing after his fine campaign in California, unbeaten Herman (Rory) Calhoun, 160½, White Plains, posted Victory No. 17 by outlasting another promising youngster, Jerry Luedee, 164½, New Haven, Conn., in an exciting ten at St. Nicholas Arena. It also was Luedee's debut on TV. Summing up the bout briefly: Luedee hit the harder but Calhoun hit the more often. Rory showed good boxing form and a busy pair of hands, but he had to weather some rough moments when the aggressive Luedee cracked him on the chin. Calhoun was staggered no less than five times during the bout but he displayed quick recuperative powers. It was the second time Rory had taken Luedee's measure. As preliminary kids they had met in a four-rounder in Madison Square Garden, Calhoun winning the decision, and that defeat was the only one Jerry had suffered in eighteen starts until this return match with Rory. Tony DeCola, 141½, Brooklyn, outpointed Tony Sansone, 146½, Astoria, in the semi-final six. Artie Miller, 179½, Harlem, decisioned Al Anderson, 179¾, Long Island City, in another six. In fours, George Chementi 155¼, Yorkville, outfought Johnny Webster, 158½, Brooklyn, and Rufus Berry, 184½, West Side, edged out Joe Dawson, 197, Millville, N. J.

▶Out of action for a year, Sid Peaks, 218¼, one-time rated heavyweight from Charlestown, Ind., had to survive a rough first round and stage a strong uphill fight to beat Ernie Cab, 203½, Roanoke, Va., in one of two exciting non-TV eights at Sunnyside Garden. After his long absence from ring competition, Peaks, who is now living in St. Albans and working in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, seemed a bit uncertain of himself as he stepped out at the opening bell, and before he knew what happened he was down from a blistering right uppercut. Badly stunned, Sid staggered to his feet, took the mandatory eight-count, and went toppling to the canvas again, this time from a left hook. The bell saved him. Peaks was still foggy in the second but succeeded in avoiding serious trouble. He seemed fully re-

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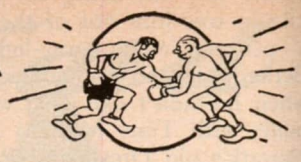


By BILL MILLER

AS you've doubtless read in your home-town gazette, Sugar Ray Robinson will defend his recently-acquired middleweight title against the former incumbent of the 160-lb. throne, Carl (Bobo) Olson, at Wrigley Field, Los Angeles, on April 20th. That falls on a Friday.

Truman Gibson, I.B.C. secretary, following a huddle with Jackie Leonard, Hollywood Legion Stadium matchmaker, and Sid Flaherty, who pilots Olson, issued the following statement:

Both fighters will receive guarantees of $75,000 or 30% of the net, whichever is greatest. TV and radio rights have been sold for $1,000,000. Los Angeles area, and possibly all of California will be blacked out; the fight goes on at 7 p.m.

Hollywood Legion Stadium and the I.B.C. will share in the profits. Gibson refused to reveal how the dough would be split.

For the benefit of historians: largest Southland boxing gate, Ike Williams vs Enrique Bolanos, 1948—$153,000. Largest Southland crowd, 38,000—that was for Paolino Uzcudum vs George Godfrey, 1928, $5 top. Both fights held at Wrigley Field.

▶ Jimmy Martinez, 161, Phoenix, Ariz., won the unanimous verdict over Tony Pelino, 159½, Buffalo, at Hollywood Legion Stadium. That is, the officials were unanimous, but the customers weren't. There was considerable dissension from the fans—and even a couple of the scribes joined in the booing. (By what right? They didn't pay to get in!)

Referee Charley Randolph and Judge Jimmy Wallace turned in identical cards, 56-54; Judge Russ Bradford saw it 57-53.

Martinez, vastly more experienced, was 3-1 choice going in. Pelino forced the fighting most of the way, tiring near the end of the fight. But Tony finished fast and won the tenth round by a solid margin. The crowd was estimated at 1500. Pelino substituted on short notice for undefeated Jimmy Palazzola, who suffered a back injury in training.

Candy Lopez, 130½, took the unanimous six-round verdict over Billy Walker, 129, Oakland, in the semi. The fours: Paul Baker, 133, decisioned Joe Smyers, 136; Joe Chavez, 137, decisioned Benny Robledo, 139, and Dey Rey, 142½, KO (4) over Bob Siki, 143.

▶ Don Jordan, state lightweight champ, 139, and a 2-1 underdog, shot 'way up in the ratings by scoring a 5-round TKO over former world lightweight champ Paddy De Marco at the Olympic Auditorium. De Marco weighed 140¼.

A crowd of 6,332 paid $15,250 to see one of the wildest fights, in one of the wildest nights in Olympic history.

It was a weird ending. Early in the fifth, Jordan nailed De Marco with a smashing right to the jaw. Down went Paddy; he arose at the count of one, and seemingly in a panic, circled toward the ropes with Jordan in hot pursuit. Paddy's back was partially turned when Jordan whacked him with a left and right. De Marco raced toward his corner. Obviously he was in trouble.

Nobody knew just what the trouble was, but De Marco was bleeding profusely from the mouth. Finally, Paddy got to home base on his hands and knees. Referee Tommy Hart started to count. At seven, Paddy arose, and the referee waved Jordan in. De Marco turned to Jordan, held his left hand straight out and his right up, apparently a signal that he was all through.

Jordan disregarded the signal, if such it was, and rushed in with a right to the face. Down went De Marco. His handlers streamed into the ring, led Paddy to his stool. Referee Hart walked over and raised Jordan's hand: the time, 1:45, round 5.

At the end of the 4th, De Marco seemed to have a slight edge on most cards.

The televised ten was by far the best fight of '56: Vic Ponce, 128½, defeated Eddie Hernandez, 131, in as wild and woolly an encounter as ever was. These boys won the award for the best fight of 1955, won by Hernandez via kayo in the 6th. It was a thriller, and a toughie to follow. Just biff-bang-bang from start to finish for ten solid heats.

The fours: Billy Frazier, 137, decisioned Del Jackson, 139½; Johnny Hayden, 174½, TKO (3) over Freddie Milton, 173½; and Mel Ferguson, 147½, decisioned Renato Munoz, 149.

▶ A nice letter from Jimmy Garrison, one of the West's best lightweights in the late thirties. He'd like to hear from old friends; his address: Box 893, North Bend, Oregon.

▶ Julius Helfand's war with the N. Y. Boxing Managers Guild had reprecussions in California: our own State Commission investigated the local Managers Guild, offshoot of the I.B.G. It was learned that the local Guild is incorporated, acting within the law. Former Assistant Attorney General Kenny Lynch, thoroughly hep on boxing matters, is legal representative of the local Guild.

▶ Another Southern California battler has won recognition from Nat Fleischer: he's Young Jack Johnson, who knocked out Ezzard Charles and Zora Folley in his last two fights of 1955. Nat lists him No. 9 among the top-ten in heavywheights ranks.

▶ Former middleweight champ Tony Zale got himself a nice payday working on the Rocky Graziano movie. Tony was at the Boxing Writers dinner at the Crescendo, and got a big hand from the crowd.

▶ Southern California Coaches Association, which runs amateur boxing, elected a new slate of officers: Duke Holloway, president; Kenny Davis, vice-president; George Tolson, secretary. (What—no treasurer?) The group will work closely with Frankie Van in promotion of amateur bouts at Hollywood Legion Stadium, Friday nights.

What ho! And what gives? Press-agents getting awards? There I was at the swank Cresendo night-club on the Sunset Strip; the occasion was the 4th annual Southern California Boxing Writers' Dinner, when John Hall, newly-elected president, got up and made a speech about some bloke who had given "many long years of outstanding service to boxing". Said bloke was to be given the special Award of Merit—a beautiful plaque, with a gold seal.

Imagine my blushes, after this glowing eulogy, when John named the recipient: Bill Miller.

Yeah—but why did these guys wait until after I had quit the Olympic Auditorium, my alma mater for more than twenty years, to give me the award? Was it because I quit? Because I got out? H'mmmm.

It was a terrific party. More than 300 braved a driving rainstorm, the worst in years, to attend. Lou Costello, Jose Ferrer and Buddy Lester were among the featured speakers and entertainers.

My own speech of acceptance was not deserving of posterity. I was caught by surprise and mumbled my appreciation. Had I been readied up, aware of what was coming, I might have delivered an oration like Patrick Henry's. Well, maybe not quite that good.

Other recipients of awards: Cisco Andrade and Billy Peacock; Joey Dorando and Joe Abasta; Eddie Hernandez and Vic Ponce; Cal and Aileen Eaton; Vince Delgado and Eddie Asti.

A good time was had by all.

▶ The State Athletic Commission of California officially censured Sandy Saddler for "unsportsmanlike tactics" in his title fight with Flash Elorde, up in San Francisco. Referee Ray Flores was also criticized.

▶ Making his debut as a main eventer, Vince Delgado, 126, nephew of the famed Iron Man, Carlos Chavez, scored a clean-cut 3-round knockout over Jimmy Roybal, 127, at Hollywood Legion Stadium. Both are local boys.

Inclement weather kept the crowd down to 1500 or thereabouts.

Delgado had been voted "best prospect of 1955" by the Boxing Writers at their 4th annual dinner a few days earlier.

It was Vince's 11th fight in 12 pro starts—but by far the most important, since it elevated him to top-spot status. One draw mars his otherwise perfect record.

Paricularly proud and pleased was my old amigo Johnny Forbes, who launched Delgado on his amateur career. I sold papers on the Cleveland streets with Johnny, more than half a centrury ago. Forbes it was who also started Uncle Carlos Chavez on his amateur career, and turned him pro in 1939.

It was the first time that Roybal ever took the full count in 22 starts as a pro.

Roybal was dropped with a short right in the second round; and the fight that sent him to the showers in Round 3 was also a right chop to the chin.

Delgado is built along the lines of his uncle—like a miniature Mack truck. But he punches harder than Uncle Carlos, and in the days to come may prove a great box-office attraction. It is doubtful, however, if he'll last as long.

In the six-round semi, Sonny Gill, Pasadena, 158, won a split duke over Hank Davis, 158½, despite a one-point penalty for a low blow in round 3.

The fours: Rudy Mendoza, 141½; TKO (3) over Ray Copeland, 137½; Charley Que, 187, TKO (2) over Glen Smith, 182½; Billy Bevins, 141½, decisioned Herman Beasley, 141½ and Connie Citizen, 161½, decisioned Sammy Seals, 161.

▶ Roger Rischer, Oakland heavyweight, has become painfully aware of the pugilistic axion: "There is always one fellow along the line who can given you trouble." Rischer has received but two major setbacks in his promising career, and both of these were knockouts at the hands of Howard King, of Reno. The most recent of these occurred in the third round of the main event at San Francisco's Winterland.

Last summer Rischer was ahead on points in the tenth when King kayoed him, breaking his jaw. Rischer came back to score a string of victories, and then fought King at 10 round draw.

King's bouts usually go the limit, with his victories being decisions. But he is a devastating puncher when he can maneuver an opponent into direct target range. In third King delivered a lethal one-two, a left to the body being followed by the payoff right to the jaw. Though Rischer arose at 9, Referee Vern Bybee halted proceedings. Weights: King, 186, Rischer, 182.

The program was promoted by Jimmy Murray.

Indian Davey Lee, 135, Reno, outpointed Chico Arroyo, 133, Oakland in six.

In the fours, Bob Butcher, 206, kayoed John Leary, 193, in 1; Vinnie Hines, 142, dec. Edgar Jones, 146; John Callahan, 162, outpointed Hurricane Sims, 166.

▶ Johnny Munro, most active Northern California promoter, started off his new season with a 1144 attendance at the Auditorium in Richmond. Of the $1463 gate, a portion went to the March of Dimes.

Larry Vasquez, 132, San Francisco, let loose a vicious right uppercut to achieve a six round knockout over Kito Martinez, 130, Oakland. The main bout had been slated for ten.

Vasquez led most of the way, starting off by decking Martinez for a two count in the first.

Manuel Baptista, 129, San Francisco, outpointed Indian Davey Lee, 133, in the ten round semi. Darrell Layton, 162, decisioned Ray King, 163, in the four round opener.

▶ Biggest rainstorm in years kept the audience at the Olympic Auditorium down to a sparse 250, give or take a few, but those on hand saw a real slugfest between Pimi Barajas, 119½, Tijuana and Imke Sandoval, 124½, Wilmington, with Pimi winning the unanimous verdict.

There wasn't a clinch in the entire ten rounds.

So heavy was the downpour that the Paddy De Marco-Don Jordan scrap, originally slated in the non-TV spot, was postponed for a week. Television commitments forced the promoter to go on with the show.

The few that braved the rain were well rewarded.

Sandoval took the bout on two days notice, replacing Jackie Herrera; he was 3-1 underdog in the betting, and though he lost the decision, he made many friends.

Referee Tommy Hart scored it 57-53. Judge Dynamite Jackson saw it the same way, and Judge Mushy Callahan tabbed it 58-52.

Joey Dorando, voted the outstanding prelim fighter of the year a couple of days earlier, racked up his 8th straight win by outslugging Del Moore to win the unanimous verdict. Dorando, 150½; Moore, 151½.

Jimmy Moser, 125¾, in his second pro

bout, scored an upset win over Bobby Robledo, 125¾—a 3rd round TKO. Sammy Seals, 163, nodded Paul Anderson, 162; and Mel Ferguson, 146, duked Charles Clark, 146.

▶Joey Dorando split honors with Joe Abasta in that "best prelim fighter of the year" award. A real nice kid, and the fighting son of a fighting father. Papa Joey Dorando was well known in Jersey rings, more than a quarter of a century ago. When asked how-come he was putting on weight so rapidly, Joey Junior replied: "My dad makes the best spaghetti in town—visit his Hollywood restaurant and prove it for yourself!"

Lots of people agree with Joey Junior.

▶Newlywed Jose Luis Cotero, formerly of El Paso, now an Angeleno, broke a deadlock at Hallywood Legion Stadium when he was awarded a 4th round TKO over Irish Russ Tague, who hails from Eldridge, Iowa. Cotero, 129; Tague, 128.

It was their third meeting. Tague topped Cotero in their initial meeting at Butte, Montana, early last year; Cotero evened the score with a decision at Hollywood.

A deep gash over Tague's left eye, sustained in the 4th, halted hostilities. As usual, there were some who claimed it was a butt; others said that a right hand tossed by Cotero had broken the skin. Tague's trainer, Johnny Villaflor, insisted that it was a butt.

Referee Russ Bradford decided otherwise, and so it goes in the books as a TKO win. Whatever it was, Tague seems entitled to a rematch.

Meanwhile, there was talk of pairing Cotero with Irish Tommy Bain, the Syracuse boy who made such a hit with Filmville fans.

A crowd estimated at 2300 paid a gross of $3050. to see the televised tiff.

Monroe Radcliff and Clyde Watson, both weighing 173, fought a draw in the six-round semi—a split verdict.

The fours: Paul Baker, 135, TKO (3) over Willy Sanchez, 131; Charley Que, 185, decisioned Tommy Fields, 191; and Joey Chavez, 138, decisioned Benny Robleto, 140. In an extra four, after the main go, Poset Bridges, 144, drew with Charley Clark, 145½.

▶The six best fights of 1955, according to the Boxing Writers' Association: Jan. 29; Willie Vaughn vs Sal Perea; Feb. 2; Lauro Salas vs Cisco Andrade; May 12, Frankie Campos vs Pimi Barajas; Apr. 16, Jorge Macias vs Lou Filippo; Nov. 24, Eddie Hernandez vs Vic Ponce; and Dec. 17, Tommy Bain vs Jose Luis Cotero. Three at the Olympic Auditorium and three at Hollywood Legion Stadium.

▶Most prominent ring "war" in the San Francisco Bay area is that between Cleo Lane of Oakland and NuNu Randle of Richmond. In their fifth battle Lane came fast in the final rounds to decision Randle in ten sessions at San Francisco's Winterland. Weights, Lane, 131; Randle, 130.

Referee Jack Downey, sole arbiter, scored it 57½-52½ for Lane.

It was Lane's third victory over Randle, against one loss and a draw.

The program was a local TV affair, accounting for the skimpiest gate in S.F. in the past several years. About 300 fans put $410 in the till.

In the sixth round semi, Irish George Sullivan, 140, San Rafael, went to a draw with Elmo Ellis, 141, San Francisco.

Prelim fours: Benny Diles, 150, dec. Bob Miller, 141. Jo Jo Shelton, 162, TKO'd Dwight Barringer, 160, in 1; Bob Butcher, 205, outpointed John Carroll, 175.

▶Entering the ring a 4-1 underdog, Harvey Taylor, 169, scored the first sharp upset of 1956 at the Olympic Auditorium by stopping Dave Whitlock, San Francisco, 180, in 1:40 of the 10th round.

Taylor substituted on short notice for Calvin Brad, who was withdrawn because of eye trouble. Later it was announced that Brad had permanently retired from the ring.

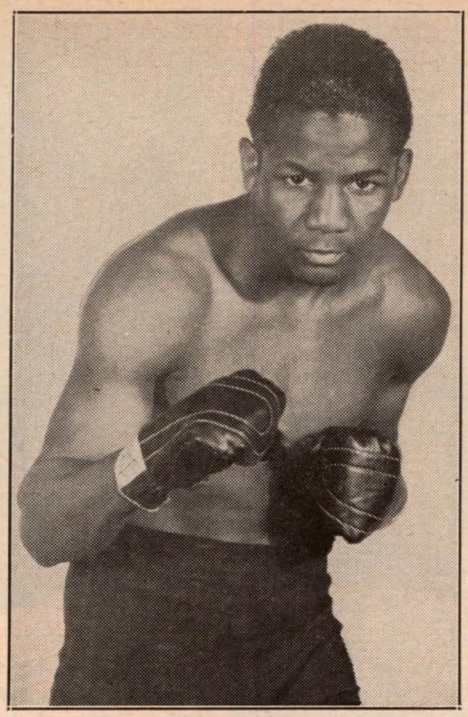
The victory was all the more impressive because Taylor was spotting Whitlock an eleven-pound drag in the weights.

Harvey, making his first start in six months, took the initiative from the very outset, launching a savage attack, and dropping Whitlock twice in Round 1 with lefts to the jaw.

It was an uphill fight from then on for Whitlock, and he did all right for awhile. In Round 6, however, Whitlock came out of a clinch with Taylor nursing a bloody gash over his left eye. A few ringsiders were spattered with gore.

There were claims of a butt, but Referee Frankie Van didn't see it that way. Dr. Robert Rocke, club medic, was brought into the ring twice to examine Whitlock's eye, but permitted the fight to go on. In Round 10, following a third examination by the doctor, the fight was stopped: time, 1:40.

Taylor was leading on points at the time, though he seemed to be running out of cigarettes in the 8th and 9th.



Bobby Bell, New York featherweight, recently scored a decisive victory over Buddy Evatt at the Hollywood Legion Stadium, whereupon manager Al Weill challenged Cisco Andrade and Lauro Salas to battle Bell.

Carlos Chavez, 144, who started his pro career in 1939, finished fast to win a split decision over Jimmy Dupree, 146½, in the televised ten. Referee Dynamite Jackson called it a draw, but was overruled by Judges Frankie Van and Frank Holborow.

The fours: Tomahawk Turner, the Indian hatchet-man, getting better with every fight, 130, scored a 2-round TKO over Kenny Martin, 130; Johnny Hobbs, 133, stopped Freddie Hawkins, 137, also in Round 2; and Ray Copeland, 141, made it unanimous by stopping Hector Garcia, 140½, in the second.

▶It was no novelty for Sandy Saddler and Flash Elorde to fight before 5000 or more fans, who attended their clash at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. Both had appeared before much larger groups in their busy careers. But to the battlers who made up the supporting card, this was an exceedingly big house, and these lads put up a series of spirited contests to win this audience's appreciation.

Benny Ford promoted the program, the 5,000 plus audience paying approximately $30,000. This was exclusive of television receipts, a large part of which went to meet Saddler's high guarantee.

The main event, as most televiewers recall, resulted in Elorde losing to the featherweight champion in the 13th after sustaining a badly cut eye. He was only two points behind Saddler at this point, so the Filipino's admirers saw a real contender in action in their countryman.

All of the supporting bouts were six rounds.

After the headline bout, Jerry Black, 138, Philadelphia, a stablemate of Saddler, fought a bristling draw with Bobby Sanders, 143, San Francisco.

Chico Arroyo, 140, Oakland, decisioned Don Chester, 140, San Francisco. Darrell Layton, 165, San Francisco, TKO'd Candy McGillmore, 161, Oakland, in four rounds. Freddie Viscarro, 116, S.F., drew with Jimmy Abeyta, 114, Oakland.

▶San Francisco usually has a local blackout for national television bouts, so the Bay City attendances for these contests have been fairly large. But in the Ludwig Lightburn-Joey Lopes lightweight battle, local television was on. This situation, plus heavy rains, accounted a meager gate of 488, with cash gross $1918.

After this small group of ringsiders and the national TV audience saw Lightburn take a split ten-round decision from Lopes, two San Franciscans engaged in a six rounder. Casey Jones, 124, scored a fifth round knockdown over Eli Scott, 121. Jones shook up his foe again in the sixth to take the decision.

Another scheduled six rounder ended in five, Chick Powell, 176, scoring a TKO over Zeke Robinson, 174.

Mike Mitchell, 135, stopped Bob Rubie, 141, in 2.

▶Irish Tommy Bain, 126½, Syracuse, making his second start at Hollywood Legion Stadium, proved indeed a bane to Joey Trujillo, 126, Denver, by scoring a spectacular 2-round knockout over the Colorado kid.

Bain made a smash hit with Filmville fans, a month earlier, when he held Jose Luis Cotero to a draw in his Southland debut. It was rated one of the six best fights of 1955 by the Southern California Boxing Writers Association.

Entering the ring a 2-1 favorite, Bain, who is a stablemate of Carmen Basilio, more than lived up to those odds by nailing Trijillo with a hard left hook to the jowls, 2:07 after the second round started. The Denverite took the full count.

There will be no lack of work for the Syracuse boy in these parts. He'll be welcomed back at Hollywood with open arms.

In the six-round semi, Manny Castillo, 146½, lovingly known as the Fighting Barber, chased Chuck Courtney, 145, Oakland, all over the ring, and finally was awarded a 5th round TKO verdict by Referee Reg Gillmore.

The fours: Gene Tortorice, 142, decisioned Herman Beasley, 142; Sammy Seals, 160½, decisioned Connie Citizen, 158½; and Louie Martinez, 142, duked Art Lopez, 139.

▶Tall, frozen-faced Tombstone Smith, late of the U. S. Navy, 147-¾, wrecked the American debut of Giancarlo Garbelli, who hails from Milan, Italy, at the Olympic Auditorium, by scoring a 7-round TKO. It was the non-TV tiff.

In the televised ten, Julian Velasquez, 132½, proved too wily and ringwise for Eddie Hernandez, 129½, and scored the unanimous decision.

Tombstone racked up his 13th straight win by the TKO over the protege of Aldo Spoldi, well-known warrior of a decade ago.

Garbelli started fast, and had Smith bleeding from the left eye early in the fight, but Tombstone retaliated by almost closing the Italian's left, midway in the scrap. Referee Charley Randolph halted hostilities in Round 7 when Garbelli seemed to be a helpless target.

The Velasquez-Hernandez quarrel produced no knockdowns, and Eddie showed up well in spurts, but Velasquez pressed the attack to win the nod from all three officials: Referee George Latka, 56½-52½; Judge Charley Randolph, 57-52; and Judge Jimmy Wilson, 58-51. Velasquez was penalized one point for unnecessary roughness in Round 6.

The fours: Eddie Jenkins, 169, decisioned Monroe Radcliff, 172½; Teddy Rand, 117, decisioned Herman Fandelli, 119½; and Ray Avalos, 132½, decisioned Rudy Lara, 132½.

▶From San Francisco comes the news that welterweight Johnny Miller of Modesto, Calif., (no relation) had filed suit against Sid Flaherty, manager of Bobo Olson, for $297,000. Miller, 32, now a policeman, accuses Flaherty of fraud.

We'll have to await the decision of the court as to the verdict.

Meanwhile, I might announce, parenthetically, that it's a helluva nice compliment to be sued for that kind of moolah—$297,000.

▶Bobby Bell, New York, 127½, scored a decisive and unanimous ten-round verdict over Buddy Evatt, Los Angeles, 133, at Hollywood Legion Stadium.

In Bell's corner was his manager, Alphonse Weill, the transplanted Alsatian. Al grabbed the microphone, after the verdict was announced, and with characteristic courage challenged Cisco Andrade and Lauro Salas to swap swats with his Mr. Bell.

I fear the challenges will not be accepted.

Referee Tommy Hart scored it 57-53; Judge Charley Randolph voted 59-51; Judge Mushy Callahan, 58-52.

A crowd of 2200, give or take a few, paid a gross of $3100 to see the televised affair. One newspaper commentator commentated that Bell landed three punches to one.

Weill helped plenty in the promotion. The wily Alphonse even brought Rocky Marciano to Los Angeles—ostensibly on another matter connected with motion picture matters. There was a press conference at the plush Sheraton-Town House, where Weill had established headquarters in a plush suite.

Oddly enough, though the conference was supposed to be with Rocky Marciano, Bobby Bell was on hand when the cameras were flashing.

Well, as to the fight itself: Bell's sharp and fast left hooks to the head gave him the early advantage. As the fight progressed, he brought his right cross into play. Evatt was game, and kept trying, but he was outclassed.

In the six-round semi-final, Paul Pacheco Pueblo, 123, another Weill protege, scored the unanimous verdict over Al Wilcher, Columbus, Ohio, 119½. Both are former Golden Glove champs.

Awards were given out right and left at the annual Boxing Writers' dinner and left to right are Nat Fleischer, president of the BWA; Bob Murphy, Rookie of the Year; Carmen Basilio, Fighter of the Year; Murray Rose of the Associated Press; Joe Louis; Harry Mendel, winner of the James J. Walker Memorial Trophy and Mayor Joe Vaccarella of Mt. Vernon.

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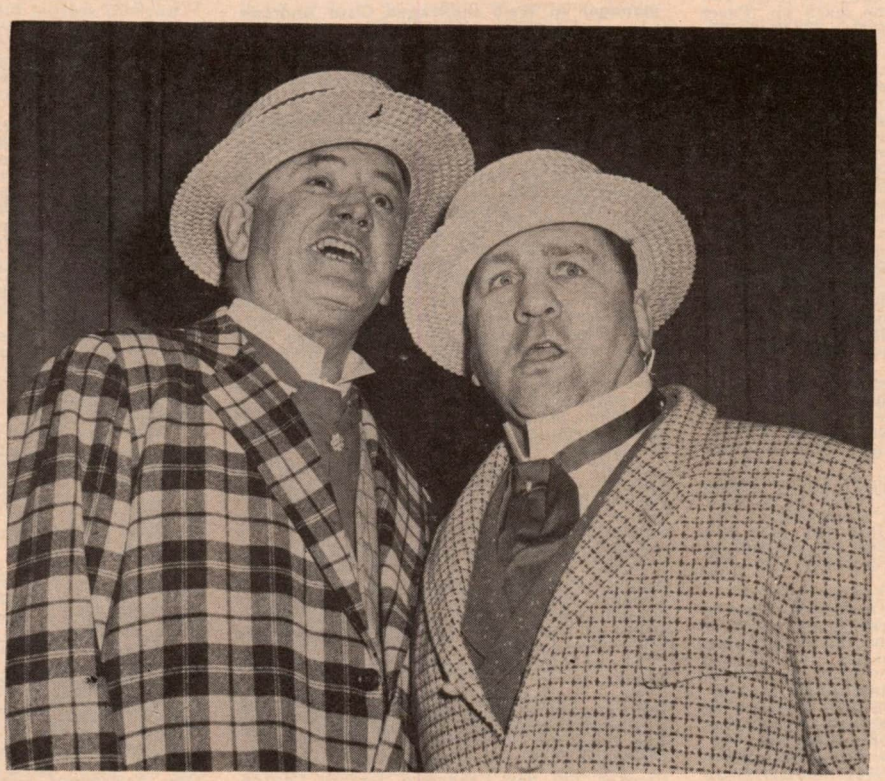

A tune up for a couple of champs. Jim Braddock (left) former heavyweight king, and Gus Lesnevich, one-time light heavyweight champ, give with the songs and snappy patter during the hilarious show put on by the writers.

By MURRAY ROSE

WHEN it comes to variety, the Boxing Writers' Association provides it in copious quantity at its annual dinners. This year's shindig at the Hotel Roosevelt was no exception. There was something for everyone. At times it looked like a three-ringed circus.

There was a galaxy of ring greats—both of the past and present—plenty of presentations, including the main ones to welterweight champion Carmen Basilio, veteran Barnum Harry Mendel, and rookie welterweight Bob Murphy of Boston; forensic fireworks exploded by commissoners Julius Helfand of New York and Lou Radzienda of Chicago; a speech by Carmine De

Writers make merry at annual dinner and get the lowdown from Helfand, and Radzienda on boxing's ills before record gathering of past and present champions

Dreams Do Come True. Bill Ferrall takes the part of Julius Helfand, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, as his mind wanders to high political places.

Sapio, New York's Secretary of State, lauding Mayor Joe Vaccerella of Mt. Vernon, a former boxer; a humorous, short talk by cartoonist Rube Goldberg, and last but not least, a "show" by the writers.

The headlines were grabbed by the speeches of Helfand, crusading Chairman of the New York Athletic Commission, and of Radzienda, President of the National Boxing Association and a member of the Illinois Athletic Commission.

After Radzienda had told the guests that he welcomed investigations of boxing and, that he would like to work in cooperation with the New York commission, and had praised Helfand's recent investigations, Helfand followed with a blast against the NBA. He charged that a resolution passed by NBA's executive committee permitting a fighter to sign his own contract when his manager was suspended was "sheer hyprocrisy."

Helfand, speaking "off-the-cuff," lauded the committee for passing two resolutions which backed up the New York commission's campaign to clean up boxing. The first pledged NBA support to New York and its ban against the Boxing Guild of New York. The second pledged that no manager banned in New York would be permitted to sign for any fights by an NBA state.

As to resolution No. 3 which would permit a boxer to sign his own contract in any state where his manager was suspended, Helfand said:

"It nullified the first two resolutions and the meeting might just as well not have been held. It was sheer hypocrisy. For example, Frank Palermo, barred in New York on his morals record, is the manager of welterweight Johnny Saxton. We could have had champion Carmen Basilio meet Saxton in Syracuse. But the price of permitting Palermo to be part of that match would have resulted in my stultifying myself. This resolution permitted Saxton to go to any state and sign his own contract.

"In a like situation, when Chris Christensen, managed by Charley Bauer, Guild recording secretary whose license was suspended, signed his own contract, I took the matter to court. Justice Martin Frank upheld our regulation and praised the law and the logical reason on which it was founded.

"To permit a fighter to sign his own contracts is like putting a blinder on your own eyes because he will go back to a hotel after the fight and whack up the money with the manager, who may be a criminal or otherwise. The NBA should repeal this resolution, otherwise you have done nothing for boxing."

Earlier Radzienda had said "I don't know what your problem is in New York, but I would like to see an organization of boxers, managers, trainers and seconds—not to supercede any commission but to look after the interest of boxers."

Questioned later by reporters on his reaction to Helfand's statements, Radzienda replied: "Commissioner Helfand forgot that the resolution he criticized contains a provision that suspends the contract between a fighter and his manager during the time the manager is without a license.

"It does not void the contract. But it permits the boxer to fight without being under obligation to the manager. After a thorough discussion by the executive committee it was decided not to penalize a boxer indefinitely or interfere with his progress merely because of the misdoings of his manager. And that's what would happen without the resolution if a manager refused indefinitely to sell a fighter's contract."

Referring to the Basilio-Saxton fight in Chicago, Feb. 15, Radzienda pointed out that Saxton had been a top-ranking contender.

"Why should we deprive a No. 1 or No. 3 contender from a chance at the title because of his manager?" he asked. "That's what a fighter dreams about. As for Palermo, we were the first state to refuse him a license. We did that back in 1951."

Although Helfand aimed his address at Radzienda, the author of the controversial resolution was Henry Lamar, chairman of the Massachusetts commission and one of the 450 guests in the ballroom.

A onetime heavyweight fighter and grandson of a U. S. Supreme Court Justice, Lamar stoutly defended the resolution.

"If Mr. Helfand believes any fighter shares the guilt of his manager, why shouldn't he suspend the fighter? Our resolutions at the Chicago meeting pledged us to support any New York suspension. I mean to support his understandably magnificent efforts to better boxing but how

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SEEN AND HEARD IN NEW YORK

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covered by the third and outfought Cab from then on. The co-feature eight was a short-lived affair, Angelo DeFendis, 166, Brooklyn, halting Jimmy Garcia, 163, Puerto Rico, at 2:04 of the second. Garcia was down five times, twice in the second and thrice in the third when the bout was automatically stopped. In fours, Joe Donovan, 131, Astoria, outpointed Ira Williams, 132, Brooklyn; Charley Jones, 195, Newark, whipped Jeff Holmes, 215, Augusta, Ga.; Chico Velez, 134, East Side, kayoed Hector Maldondo, 130, Brooklyn, at 2:42 of the first, and LeRoy Graham, 136, Brooklyn, polished off Harvey Charles, 135, Brooklyn, at 1:23 of the third. The card drew the second best turnout of Sunnyside's current non-TV season. Attendance was estimated at 1,200 and the gate at $1,800.

▶ Held to a draw in their first meeting in the same ring six weeks before, an improved Gene Poirier, 151, Niagara Falls, N. Y., was a clear winner over the veteran Carmine Fiore, 150½, Brooklyn, in their return ten at St. Nicholas Arena. The bout lacked the thrills and excitement of the previous clash. Both lads seemed to have more respect for each other and fought cautiously most of the way. The plodding Fiore, never noted as a speed merchant, seemed slower than ever, and his dangerous left hook did more missing than hitting. Poirier, boxing smartly, picked his spots well and scored effectively with two-handed combinations. As usual, Fiore's features were well smeared with blood An old gash was reopened over his right eye in the fourth and at the finish he was sporting an assortment of lesser facial cuts. Poirier also was nicked above the left eye in the ninth, but the damage was slight. Frankie Madison, 137, Bronx, whipped Jimmy Moulton, 140½, East Side, in the semi-final six. Another six produced a decision for Andy Figaro, 160½, Puerto Rico, over Bobby Shell, 146¼, Washington, D. C. In fours, Joe Baglio, 158, outfought a rival Bronxite, Gene Hamilton, 156½, and Carl Calabro, 140¼, Brooklyn, drew with Billy Jones, 143¼, Allentown, Pa.

▶ Another well-balanced and keenly-contested non-TV card drew an estimated 800 clients and a $1,300 gate to Sunnyside Garden. A strong finish netted Frank Ippolito, 140½, Bronx, a close but unanimous decision over Federico Escalero, 146½, Puerto Rica, in a lively, free-punching headline eight. In the co-featured eight, veteran Tito Valles, 130¼, East Side, won from George Seabrook, 130, Bronx, a short-notice substitute for Cleo Ortiz. There was a weird divergence in scoring among the three officials in this bout. Referee Petey Scalzo had Valles winning by the one-sided count of 7-1, but Judge Joe Schector was almost as emphitic for Seabrook, 6-2. The other judge, Phil Botwinik, cast the deciding tally for Valles by the slim margin of 4-3-1. In preliminary fours, Mike Perez, 130, drew with a fellow-Brooklynite, Tony Franco, 133½; Eddie Henderson, 167½, Jersey City, outfought Willis Boyd, 170½, Chicago; Obediah (Dusty) Rhodes, 179¾, Hampton, Va., stopped Marty Matthews, 182½, Bronx, at 2:22 of the second, and Jesse Watson, 138½, Brooklyn, polished off Danny Jones, 140½, Brooklyn, at 1:04 of the fourth.

▶ Befuddled at times by his zany opponent's speed and slap-dash tactics, burly Bob Baker, 214½, Pittsburgh, suffered his first defeat in two years and fourteen starts when he was outscuffled by that Odd Character, Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson, 194½, Far Rockaway, in an entertaining ten in Madison Square Garden. The unpredictable Jackson was at his weirdest, and the methodical, slower Baker found it difficult to keep pace with him. Bob did succeed in bloodying Tommy's nose and raising lumps over and below the eyes, but for the most part he was lost in the blizzard of leather that poured into him from all directions. A desperate last-round assasult nearly turned the tide for Pittsburgh's stylish stout, but the rally came a bit too late to change the result, and Jackson was a close but deserving winner Another winning streak was checked in the semi-final eight when Frank Gioseffi, 191½, Bronx, was whiped by Tony Gagliardo, 184, Brooklyn. Gioseffi had been unbeaten in fifteen previous pro outings. Bob Biehler, 181, Rochester, N. Y., scored a knockdown in the second in whipping Jack Nelson, 191, Salt Lake City, in another eight. In fours, Garvin Sawyer, 188, Cincinnati, decisioned Jackie Harris, 196, Harlem, and Ernie Fann, 188¼, Pittsburgh, blew George Washington, 205½, Brooklyn, out of competition at 2:16 of the first.

▶ Blasting body punches carried Miguel Berrios, 128¼, Puerto Rico, to his second straight ko win at St. Nicholas Arena. His victim this time was Bobby Courschesne, 131, Holyoke, Mass., who was battered into exhaustion at 2:29 of the fifth. It was a return match, Courschesne having edged out a split decision in the previous meeting. Since then, Berrios had stopped Pat Marcune, and he showed even better form in the encore with Courcshesne. His savage body pounding weakened Bobby and readied him for the payoff in the fifth. Down a couple of times in that session, Courschesne had sagged to one knee, exhausted, when Referee Mark Conn intervened.

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of federal antitrust laws against a dozen defendants that included the International Boxing Guild and the Boxing Guild of Ohio.

Spero in his suit charged that the defendants engaged in a conspiracy for unreasonable restraint of interstate and foreign trade and commerce. He added that they unlawfully combined to force him out of the business of producing studio boxing shows by boycotting and refusing to permit their boxers to contract with Spero to participate in his professional boxing shows.

Spero asserted this refusal came because his boxing shows had not been approved by the International Boxing Guild or its affiliated local guild.

Defendants listed by Spero included: Charley Johnston, general president of the International Boxing Guild; Bill Daly, general treasurer of the International Boxing Guild; Al DelMonte, president of the Boxing Guild of Ohio; Pat Yates, Jimmy Avon, John Keough and Jack Kearns. Three persons not named at the time also are accused.

Spero indicated his suit for treble damages was based on the indictment recently returned by the federal grand jury in Cleveland, in which it was alleged that the boxing managers guild had boycotted studio fights and participants.

Other charges made by Spero were that prices at which managers will agree to permit their boxers to participate in televised boxing had been fixed and maintained, Spero was denied free access to all available boxers and sponsors had been denied unrestricted opportunity to advertise their products.

Spero concluded that he had suffered damages because "the sponsor was caused to discontinue its sponsorship and other likely prospective sponsors refused to consider the show."

For this he seeks $100,000. Spero added that the defendants caused him such great anguish and humiliation that it undermined "his health and well-being, causing him to require medical aid," for which he sought damages of $50,000.

This total Spero sought to have trebled from the original $150,000 to the $450,000 mark under the antitrust laws. He also demanded a trial by jury in his petition.

CHANNEL HOPPING . . . Televiewers of the weekly bouts from the Cambria A. C. in Philadelphia, over WPFH witnessed the bout in which Rudy Watkins knocked out Bob Perry in six rounds on January 26, Perry succumbing two days later.

KFMB (San Diego, Calif.) has announced that world light heavyweight champion Archie Moore has signed a one-year contract as a disc jockey. He will conduct a two-hour record show every Saturday night and will also have a fifteen-minute show three days a week.

The first radio broadcast of a fight in Jamaica, B. W. I. occurred on June 25, 1955, with Pedro Tesis knocking out Danny Edwards in three rounds of the main event.

The British Boxing Board of Control has limited TV promoted shows to one professional card a month. . . . Commercial TV in Britain is carrying a program, "Jack Solomons' Scrapbook," which shows films of old fights.

NEWS FROM CUBA

By Jorge Vieites

FACTS AND RUMORS: Three world rated feathers will appear here in the same program by the end of the month when Cuban feathers king, Ciro Morasén, will get a return bout from Venezuelean champ Sonny Leon. In the other star bout new sensation Martin Rodriguez will fight Cuba's Jr. light ruler, Orlando Echeverria or someone also rated by The RING among the first ten. After this date, Morasén will leave for Paris, to meet French champ Cherif Hamia.

▶ HAVANA: Cuban middles king Kid Charolito, 157¼, lost a close one in ten to U.S.A.'s Fernando Spallota, 161½. J. R. Flores, 144½, stopped Rafeal Díaz, 143½, in 7.

Rodolfo Casal, 128½, won in six from Israel de Armas. José Blanco, 128¼, won in four from Inocensio Cartas, 130¼, and Al Robinson, 136, drew in 4 with Virgil López.

▶ Havana: Angel Cutiño, 149½, won in 10 from Mario Moreno, 148. Miguel Nápoles, 172, won in 8 from José Casañas, 169¾. Mario Hernández, 148, won in 6 from J. R. Parada, 150¼; Ray González, 150, won in 4 from Félix Samada, 147¼, and Julián Yánez, 148 won in 4 from Lazaro Hernández Kessell, 142.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH

By Broadway Johnny Cox

CHARLEY JOSEPH, 159¾, NEW ORLEANS MIDDLEWEIGHT, scored a six round TKO over Moses Ward, 162½, Detroit, Mich., topping promoter Heard Ragas all-colored card at the Coliseum arena Monday night, Jan. 16.

Joseph scored his 33rd win in 34 starts. The Detroit, Mich., middleweight, has slipped considerably and tried his best but tired after the fourth round, which was Ward's best and only round. Ward tripped in the fourth round and claimed that he had injured a muscle of the left leg.

Ward's handlers refused to allow Moses to answer the bell for the sixth.

2,025 fans paid a gross gate of $2,397.63 to witness a good card on the eve of the gubernatorial election.

Ernest Burford, 151, Memphis, Tenn., welterweight, making his New Orleans ring debut, stopped Solis Scott, 146½, in two minutes of the opening round in the semi-final.

Johnny Johnson, 170, decisioned Willie Lee, 175, in a good four rounder. Joe Cook, 137, stopped Bob Cooper, 135, in one heat of a four. Eddie Davis, 132, halted Bobby Sears, 136, in the second round.

The fight was a close one up until the fifth round when a right to the chin landed just before the bell rang, broke Armstead's jaw.

1,268 fans paid a gross gate of $1,918.90.

▶ In a hometown junior welterweight grudge fight, Eddie Cates, 139¾, broke Joey Lewis' seven bout winning streak with a unanimous verdict in a close and hard fought encounter. Lewis scaled 142 pounds. It was Lewis first start over four rounds and he made a fine showing.

Earl Gray, 157, won a six-round verdict over Larry Osbey, 158. The boys provided plenty of action from the opening gong.

Information on boxing in this locality can be received by dropping this correspondent a letter at the DeSoto Hotel, New Orleans, La.

NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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LEGION CLUB OF HOLLYWOOD BUSIEST IN AMERICA

While on the subject of reviews and statistics for the past year, the American Legion Club of Hollywood, California, continues to set the pace as the world's busiest boxing club. The Legion outfit staged 54 shows in 1954, the largest number anywhere. The high gate for the year was $29,900 for the Bobo Olson vs. Willie Vaughn non-title bout in February. The attendance and receipts showed a 25% increase with a total of $202,810 for the year. All but six shows were televised locally.

THREE RING FATALITIES SHOCK BOXING MOGULS

It never rains but it pours.

Three deaths in boxing in five days is an appalling figure!

In less than a week, two professionals and one amateur succumbed from blows delivered by opponents either in actual ring combat or in training. With only one month of the new year gone, already a third the number of fatalities suffered in 1955 have been recorded.

The passing of this trio again has brought the cry for the elimination of boxing. One must sympathize with the bereaved, but as so frequently has been written, so long as boxing is followed either as a profession or a pastime, the hazard will be there. One cannot engage in contact sports without facing the dangers that accompany them.

This is equally as true of hockey and football as it is of boxing. Every precaution the medical profession can think of has been taken to protect those who engage in these sports, yet fatalities are recorded.

James Crowley, chairman of the Pennsylvania Commission in whose state Robert Perry, a middleweight died from a brain hemorrhage after being halted by Rudy Watkins in the sixth round of their contest at the Cambria Club, summed it up properly when he said:

"The death of young Perry is most unfortunate. It is something that has worried me ever since I took office. We must face the prospects of injury in all contact sports. We protect the boxers as far as is humanely possible."

In Detroit, while working out in a gymnasium with Johnny Summerlin, highly rated heavyweight, Eddie Lee Walker received an injury to his head that caused his death as a result of a subdural hemorrhage. Walker, a Korean veteran, fighting three years as a pro, had only a dozen bouts during his career. He was 24 years old. Both he and Perry were pros.

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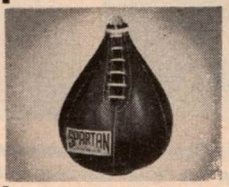

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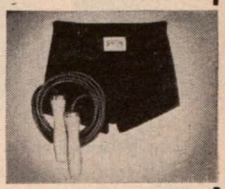

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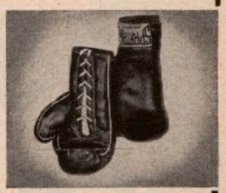

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REPAIR WORK DONE

In Glasgow, 19 year old William Stayman, an amateur boxer, died after being knocked out. As in the case of the Americans, he was in good health prior to the mishap.

FUTURE OF OUTDOOR BOXING IN NEW YORK GLOOMY

The shift of the New York Giants Football Club to the Yankee Stadium indicates the same for the baseball club before long and should this occur, it would mean the elimination of outdoor major contests in New York by the International Boxing Club. Under the present arrangements, Jim Norris has a working agreement with the management of both the Giants and the Yankees to stage at least two outdoor boxing shows during the summer at one of the ball parks, with both the ball clubs sharing in the rental and profits.

Should Horace Stoneham's Giants be moved to the Yankee Stadium, that ball park would be in constant use from April until through the ball season thus shutting out boxing. This would necessitate a shift of major boxing shows that ordinarily would be staged in New York to some other city as there would be no open dates for the I. B. C. programs that in the past have been staged in June and September.

KID McCOY'S CAREER CHRONICLED BY LARDNER

Kid McCoy, master of the corkscrew punch, was brought to life in an interesting article in the February issue of "True Magazine." The noted sports writer, John Lardner Jr., has delved into the career of Norman Selby and brought forth many interesting facts hitherto buried or forgotten.

"There was vanity in him, and guile, and wit, and cruelty . . . and a great capacity for enjoying himself. Above all, there was self-satisfaction," says the author.

He chronicles how McCoy lived on violence, by trickery and by women.

Lardner tells a breezy story of the famed Kid.

NEWS FROM PANAMA

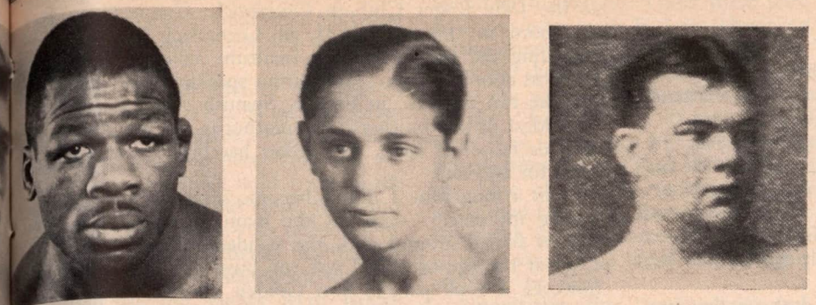
By Juan W. Copeland

PROMOTER TORRES' EXCELLENT CARD at the Panama City National Gymnasium at which notables including Ernesto De-La Guardia, Jr., candidate for president; Juan Peron, deposed president of Argentina and Bolivar Vallarino, chief of the National Guard were guests, was topped by Rodolfo Bobo Francis, 128½, and Isidro Martinez, 127½. They fought a draw before a sellout gathering that paid $2,200. The bout went 10 rounds.

In a 6 round contest Claudio Martinez, 115, drew with Victor Asprillo, 114½. Enrique Perez, 122¾, just out of the amateurs, beat Juan Lezama, 122, in four rounds.

Rodolfo Marshall, 119½, won by a T.K.O. over Toney Shaw, 123, in 2.44 of the fourth round. It was Marshall's first pro fight.

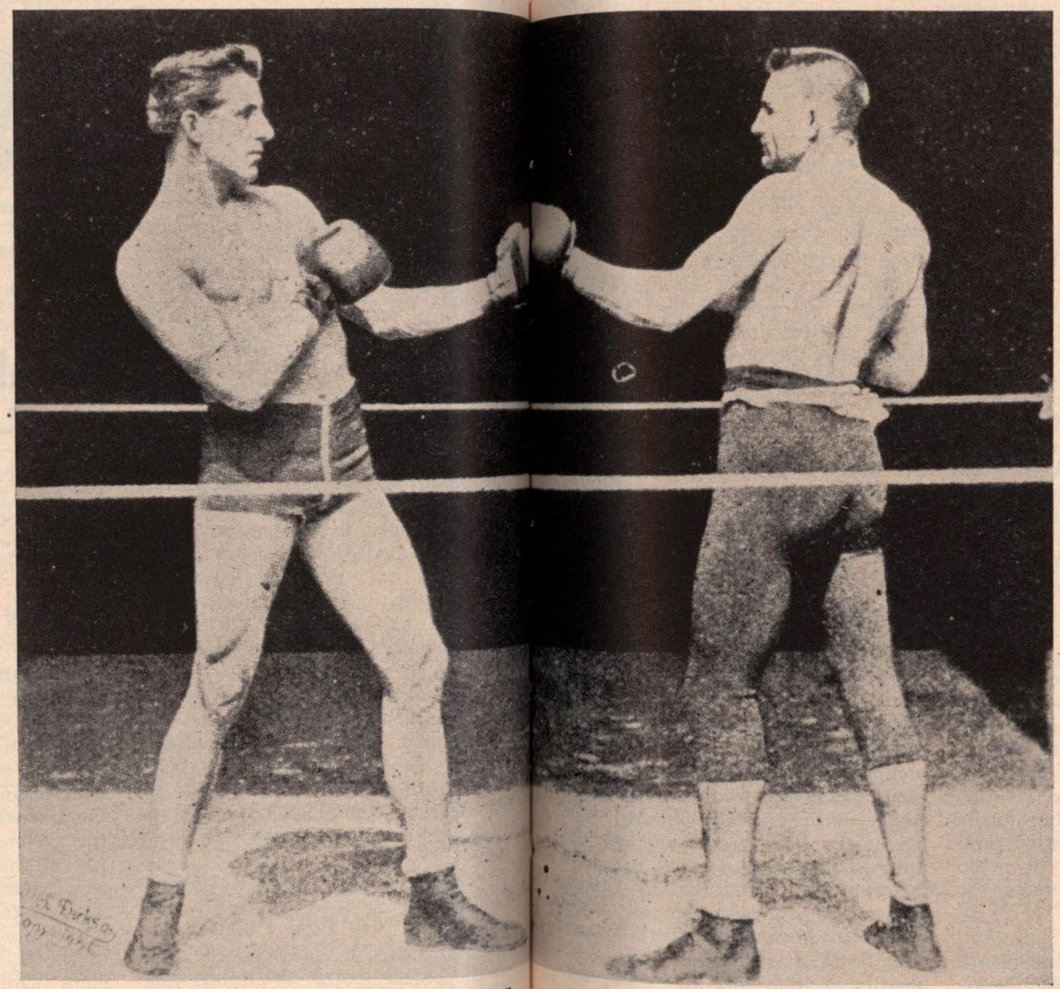
Do you know these famous fighters (left to right), Frank Czjewski, Louis Phal, Barney Lebrowitz, Geary Steffen and Joseph Hagen? Those are their real names. They fought as Lee Oma, Battling Siki, Battling Levinsky, Willie Ritchie and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien. A complete list of famous fighters who used ring names is given in the 1956 Ring Record Book and Boxing Encyclopedia.



Famous fighters through the years have had unusual and colorful nicknames. Left to right are the Hatchet Man, the Jewel of the Ghetto, the Human Freight Car and the Human Scissors. They answered to the names of Curtis Sheppard, Ruby Goldstein, Ed Dunkhorst and Harry Harris.

1956 RING RECORD BOOK A KNOCKOUT

by **JOHNNY SALAK**



Jim Corbett (left) and Peter Courtney squared off in a bout in 1893, arranged for the first motion picture to be made of a fight. This and much more recently uncovered material on the first bouts filmed is included in the 1956 Ring Record Book and Boxing Encyclopedia.

THE 1956 Ring Record Book and Boxing Encyclopedia, the fifteenth annual edition which dates back to the All-Time Ring Record Books of 1941, 1942 and 1943, is, some 900 pages of it, off the presses and in the hands of the lucky persons who ordered early to insure themselves of obtaining a copy.

Apart from the several thousand records of active fighters which it includes, fighters from all over the world, the sections which are devoted to the complete records of all world champions, dating back to earliest times to the present, and the outstanding old time fighters (about 250 pages) plus the encyclopedic sections—some one hundred pages—are most rewarding for the fan or newspaperman who likes to delve into the history of the game.

This is by far the largest collection—and most complete and accurate—compilation of records of boxing champions and near-greats ever assembled. The complete records of some 340 of them are given—and it alone is worth the price, $7.50, of this huge compendium.

However, what interests this writer most—and from the letters we receive is the most thoroughly thumbed through section of any—is the first one hundred pages which is a fountain of information, covering every phase of the sport.

For instance, this being an Olympic year, the complete run-down on Olympic Games boxing champions is given. It is interesting to note that there has been only one double winner in the Olympic boxing competition since the boxing program was installed. O. L. (Ollie) Kirk of the United States won both the bantamweight and featherweight titles at the Games held in 1904 in St. Louis. Kirk weighed 115. This was also the first time in the modern Olympics that boxing was accepted as part of the program, seven classes, all except the light heavyweight division, being in contention. The United States won all seven titles, though it must be said that few contenders from foreign countries were on hand.

H. W. Mallin of Great Britain is the only boxer who succeeded in holding his Olympic title through two sets of Games. He won the middleweight championship in both the 1920 and 1924 Games. Laszlo Papp of Hungary is the only boxer to win two different titles in two Olympic Games. He gained the middleweight crown in 1948 and the light middleweight championship in 1952.

In all the United States has gained nineteen Olympic boxing titles out of the seventy that have been up for competition, being shut out in the 1908, 1928, 1936 and 1948 events. Great Britain has won nine titles and Argentina seven. South Africa, Italy and Hungary have each picked up six crowns. France has won three titles and Canada, Germany, Finland and Czechoslovakia two each. Norway, Belgium, Denmark, New Zealand, Holland and Poland have each taken one title.

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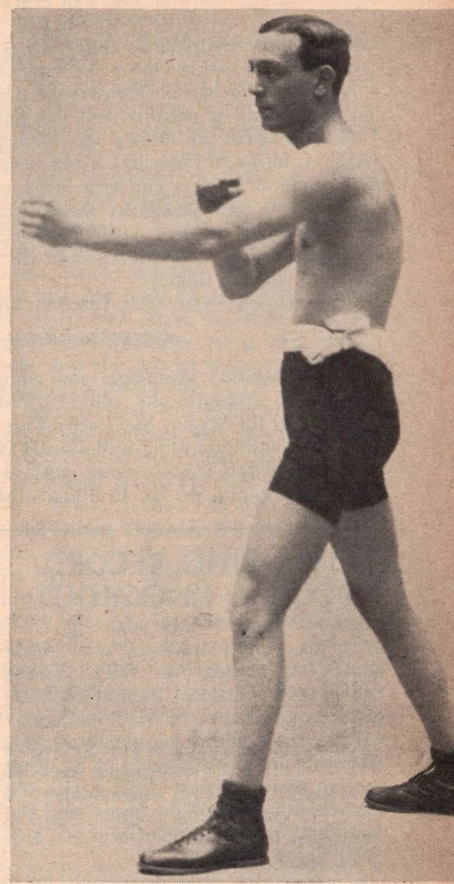

ONE of the most interesting compilations in the 1956 Ring Record Book deals with the nicknames of famous fighting men, a colorful collection of appellations such as Black Panther, Basque Woodchopper, Sydney Cornstalk, Hatchet Man, Napoleon of the Prize Ring, Fargo Express, Human Skyscraper, Big Imp, Jewel of the Ghetto, Human Freight Car, Harlem Coffee Cooler, Great Gun of Windsor and Whitechapel Windmill. Check yourself and see if you can name them.

Their correct names, in the same order, are Harry Wills, Paulino Uzcudun, Frank Slavin, Curtis Sheppard, Tom Sayers, Billy Petrolle, Henry Johnson, Ray Impellitierre, Ruby Goldstein, Ed Dunkhorst, Frank Craig, Tom Cannon and Jackie Kid Berg. These are but a few of the several score that are listed.

Quite a bit of new material has been uncovered on the first motion picture made of a fight and is included in the encyclopedic section of the 1956 Ring Record Book.

It was a six rounder in 1893 between Jim Corbett and Peter Courtney, the bout scheduled for the express purpose of filming a fight, and was held at the Edison Laboratories, Llewellyn, N. J., using the Edison Kinetoscope. The first

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THE NEWER CROP COMING UP

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welterweight triumphed in thirty of his 37 fistic clashes. He captured the Golden Gloves 147-pound title in 1954.

A graduate of Hassen high school, Distinio is now attending college and is residing with his parents.

"Lois turned pro under my management on July 14, 1955," informs Al Hernades, a seasoned fight pilot. "He impresses me as being a kid with heaps of ring brains, plenty of ambition and seems to realize that clean living and proper training makes a big difference. He's getting expert care from trainer Dan Florio who will help get him to the top, and the big money."

Distinio won 5 pro fights, three by kayo, lost one decision.

MICKEY McGRATH

THE combined advantage:—raw courage, undimmed confidence, strength and physical condition—should spell ring success for Mickey McGrath. This young middleweight shakes off brain-numbing wallops and comes back at his foe with hammering fists, banging away at the head and body round after round—to the thrilling satisfaction of fight fans.

Aside from boxing, Mickey works as a part-time bartender at the Jolly Roger Club in Greenwich, Connecticut. He was born on Jan. 18, 1931, at Greenwich where he is attending the Latin-American Institute, taking a course in business administration. Aside from speaking excellent English, he can converse in French, Spanish and Italian. He's the oldest of two brothers. His mother is of French descent and his father of Irish. His father has been on the police force for 26 years.

"For a long time I didn't become serious about making boxing my career," explains the mannerly lad, "though I sort of fooled around with the padded mittens in a Boys Club at the age of ten. I was too busy studying. In 1951, however, I took part in two Golden Gloves bouts—losing one."

Michael Joseph McGrath spent 2 years in the Army and was discharged in 1952. He had his first pro fight late in 1954. His record to date: 5 wins, 3 losses, 4 draws.

McGrath played semi-pro and professional baseball in 1950 on the Emporia, Virginia, farm club of the Washington Senators major league team.

Mickey is trained by Charley Gulotta and former boxer Pat Kitt.

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projection fight picture was made shortly thereafter, in 1894, Young Griffo and Charley Barnett fighting on the roof of the old Madison Square Garden. A number of details of this screening are given in addition to other motion picture history dealing with the first championship fight filmed and the first fight picture screened under artificial light.

ANOTHER interesting section deals with famous families in boxing, fathers and sons who have been professional fighters and brothers who have gained some fame in the prize ring. No father and son combination ever both became world champions. In most cases the fathers have been more successful as fighters, such as Paul Berlenbach, Billy Papke, Jack Britton, Bob Fitzsimmons and bantamweight Jack Sharkey, each of whom won world titles. Only in the case of Vic Toweel has a son won a world title after the father had been a professional fighter.

An unusual item in the 1956 Ring Record Book, brought out in the light of Ewart Potgieter's entrance into professional ranks and his subsequent early retirement, is a listing of the tallest fighters in ring history. Henry Johnson, a Negro from Ottawa, Canada, who campaigned between 1898 and 1900 and was known as the "Human Sky Scraper" is recorded as the tallest, at 7 feet 2 inches. He scaled 265 pounds. Potgieter, 7 feet 1 inch in height and weighing 326, is, however, by far the biggest "all-around" fighter. Another seven footer, a half inch over that mark, was Big Ben Moroz of New York who was fighting about a dozen years ago and weighed just over 300 pounds. Charles Freeman was one of the earliest famed "giants," scaling 6 feet 10½ inches in height and weighing 320 pounds. In 1842 this Michigander went to England where he fought his two memorable battles with William Perry, the Tipton Slasher.

There have been others. Several years ago a tall one from Ireland, wrestler Jim Cully, came to these shores, supporting a frame bordering 7 feet 4 inches and 275 pounds. His career lasted two bouts. He kayoed one Wally Baden in a round and was demolished in less than three by another fighter just out of the amateurs.

Last year there were reports of an Italian Goliath, measuring over seven feet in height and weighing about 270 pounds who was ready to turn professional. But that was the last we have heard of Milo Maligoli.

Two giants did, however, go on to win the world heavyweight championship: Primo Carnera, scaling 6 feet 5¾ inches, and Jess Willard, stretching the tape at 6 feet 6¼ inches.

These are but a few of the literally thousands of charts, compilations and interesting figures that are given in the enlarged encyclopedic section of the 1956 Ring Record Book.

AN often asked question, the answer to which is listed for ready reference in the 1956 Ring Record Book, are the names of the champions who were southpaws. They were Melio Bettina (recognized as light heavyweight champion in New York); Lou Brouillard (welterweight champion and New York recognized middleweight king); Jimmy Carruthers (bantamweight); Young Corbett III (welterweight); Tiger Flowers (middleweight); Al McCoy (middleweight); Freddie Miller (featherweight); Jackie Paterson (flyweight); and Johnny Wilson (middleweight).

For those who are quiz minded the Ring Record Book, which was used in preparing the queries for the $64,000 Question and was won by Dr. Joyce Brothers, after studying the very same book, there are countless listings such as Famous Holiday Fights, Shortest Fights on Record, Longest Fights, Shortest Bare Knuckle Fight, First Fight in a Padded Ring, Largest Gate in Boxing, Largest Attendance at Fights, First fight in the new Madison Square Garden and last in the old Garden, a list of fights in which there were double knockdowns, the law covering fight films, championship comebacks, Most Contests Fought, men of the White Hope Era, greatest weight difference in a world championship bout, greatest weight difference in a fight between two well known fighters, the only major fistic attraction in modern history that was staged without any preliminary bout, the first boxing gloves used, first fighter to use oxygen in his corner, boxing mythology, total number of times the great Joe Louis was dropped, fighters who turned to preaching after retiring from the ring; Golden Gloves winners who became world champions, heavyweight title bouts outside the U. S., fights that were scheduled for twenty rounds in recent years, "Mixed contests" between boxers and wrestlers.

These are just some of the things the 1956 Ring Record Book and Boxing Encyclopedia will answer for you, in addition to giving the complete records of all world champions and title claimants, many oldtime famous fighters and all the current, active fighters.

It is the most comprehensive and complete record book ever published.

BWA HOLDS STAGE

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can you penalize a man who isn't suspended? A boxer is entitled to earn a livelihood."

It was the old story of the East is East and the West is West and never the twain shall meet. One of these years the NBA and New York will see eye to eye but don't hold your breath waiting. It was an old story, too,—and always a thrilling one— to see the line-up of champions gathered together by the boxing writers. Seated on the dais in front of the guests were Rocky Marciano, Joe Louis, Jimmy Braddock, Gus Lesnevich, Bob Olin, Paul Berlenbach, Carmen Basilio, Johnny Dundee, Abe Attell, Frankie Genaro, Phil Terranova, Corporal Izzy Schwartz and Billy Graham, too, who barely missed gaining a champion's crown. There was a solid round of applause for the popular, recently retired New York welterweight when toastmaster Caswell (Abbadabba) Adams of the New York Journal-American, said he deserved to belong with the rest of the champions. Abbadabba was in fine fettle and kept the proceedings going at lively pace.

Basilio, in training for his title defense against Saxton, received the Edward J. Neil Memorial Plaque as "Boxer of the Year." The plaque is named in memory of the Associated Press sportswriter who was killed in Spain while covering the Civil War. The presentation was made by the writer.

Joe Louis presented the James J. Walker Memorial Plaque, awarded for long and meritorious service to boxing, to his old buddy, Harry Mendel, of the International Boxing Club.

"You're giving it to Harry four years too late," said the Brown Bomber. "You should have given it to him when he picked me to knock out Marciano." He turned to Rocky and both grinned.

Marciano presented the James P. Dawson "Rookie of the year" trophy to Murphy. The heavyweight champion pledged "an all-out personal campaign in the country's battle against juvenile delinquency.

"So many persons have asked me to get into this fight and I have tried my best to attend as many meetings as possible. But now I feel you can't do too much in this fight." The Rock pleaded with parents to see that their boys take an active part in amateur athletics and stressed boxing.

Honored with special presentations of watches were Dr. Alexander Schiff, long-time member of the State Athletic Commission Staff; Mayor Joe Vaccerella of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., who fought professionally under the name of Bobby Vernon, and Arthur Susskind, a great lightweight of the past who was known as Young Otto. His son, Arthur Susskind, accepted the watch on behalf of his father. These three presentations were made by Jesse Abramson of the New York Herald Tribune.

In the show that wound up the evening, the writers depicted the last days of the "International Boxing Magazine," and lampooned a score of boxing figures from Bobo Olson to Jim Norris. One of the hits of the program was a duet by Jimmy Braddock and Gus Lesnevich (as Jim Norris and Al Weill) singing something faintly reminiscent of "Side by Side."

Among the other "performers" were trainer Freddy Brown and manager Irving Cohen, Nat Loubet, Joe Nichols, Lester Bromberg (The boxing writers' threat to Orson Welles), Jesse Abramson, Harold Gary, Jimmy Breslin, Sal Gerage, Allie Stolz, Harry Sperba, and Ted Meier. Big league theatrical scouts are after Tehodore, a real scene-stealer.

A GRAND OLD GUY NAME JOE

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"I'm looking for Jo Jeannette," you reply.

"I'm his son, Joe," he says. "Pop's upstairs."

"Upstairs," which had been the gymnasium when you were last there, has been converted into comfortable living quarters.

Mrs. Adelaide Jeannette, a white-haired, pleasant, motherly sort, meets you at the door. You explain your visit.

"Joe's asleep right now," she says. "He gets tired easily and sleeps a lot since he's been sick."

"How is he generally?" you ask.

"Not too bad, but he doesn't remember things very well," she tells you. "We had our 50th anniversary a while back, on January 13th. Just the family and a few friends. Joe sat around and seemed to enjoy it, but I don't think he understood what it was all about. When Langford died, I showed him the paper with Sam's picture. 'An old friend of yours, Joe; remember him?' I said. He looked at it but I'm not sure he recognized Sam."

"When did Joe give up the gym and go into the auto renting business?" you ask.

"During the war," she explains. "So many fighters went away, and business fell off in the gym, so Joe decided he'd better close down. He fixed up the garage downstairs, bought himself some limousines, and went into a renting service.

"One thing about Joe—he's never been lazy. You don't find many men still working at 76. Joe did, right up to the time he got sick. He built up a good business, too, renting cars mostly for weddings and funerals, and driving one himself. Our son, Joe, is running the business now, and I look after things when he's out."

ONE little matter has been puzzling you.

"On the sign over the garage," you say, "the name is spelled 'Jennette.' I thought it was 'Jeannette,' with an 'a' in it."

Mrs. Jeannette, or Jennette, smiles. "That's the right spelling downstairs," she explains. "When Joe was fighting, I guess the boxing writers thought the name looked prettier with an 'a' in it. At first Joe tried to get them to spell it right, and some of them did, but most of them kept using the 'a' and after a while Joe let it go at that. We spell it right on the sign."

As you leave, the thought occurs to you that perhaps the boxing writers weren't so wrong, after all. The ring has known few finer personalities than Joe, quiet, modest, always the gentleman; a fine husband and father, and a real credit to the community in which he has lived most of his long, active life. If ever a guy deserved an "A" for effort, it is Ol' Joe, and what could be a simpler way to award it than by tucking it into his name and converting "Jennette" into "Jeannette" for all the world to see?

BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII

By Ted Yamachika

WELTERWEIGHT STANLEY HARRINGTON, 146, dusted off Mickey Rhodes, 152½, of Boise, Idaho, with one solid punch, a right to the jaw, in 19 seconds of the second round at the Civic Auditorium. But his performance added little luster to his perfect record of eighteen straight pro victories. And the 3,971 customers who paid a gross of $7,682.50, expecting to see some sort of a fight, were far from satisfied. The fight was a mismatch. Rhodes, who was introduced as the welter and middleweight champion of the Pacific Northwest, was at no time in the fight.

Rhodes displayed nothing to bear out his record of 22 kayo wins in 63 fights. In the opening round even while Harrington was only feeling his way around, Rhodes kept backing away, jabbed several times and when he made a couple of feeble attempts at throwing his right, he appeared so inept it was pitiful.

When the second round opened Rhodes tried his right once again but this time Harrington lashed out with a terrific right to the head. The blow nearly lifted Rhodes off the floor. He fell backwards and was out for a good five minutes.

The fight card was the first 1956 promotion of the Boxing Enterprises, Ltd.

Jimmy Burns, 133, outpointed Mike Ines, 134, 4 rds. Daniel Melendes, 128, came from behind to decision Roy Higa, 122, 4 rds. Steve Takano, 134¾, beat Felix Aciro, 130½, 4 rds. Linford Chung, 144¾, won over Sam Wailani, 144½, 4 rds.

BOXING IN JUAREZ

By Manuel Auza Prieto

MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM:—ALFREDO NEVAREZ, 135¼, Juarez, showed fine boxing form in winning a one-sided ten-round decision over Baby Oritz, 134¼, Mexico City. Nevarez, in winning 9 of the 10 rounds on all three scorecards, gained revenge for a decision loss to Ortiz last month.

Pete Ruiz, 144½, El Paso, remained unbeaten by stopping Rudy Landeros, 148, Mexico City, in the fourth round. In four round bouts: Alfonso Mendoza, 124¾, Juarez, edged out Ramon Rodriguez, 127½; Rodrigo Duenas, 125¼, Juarez, defeated Tacho Mendoza, 123½, Juarez; Carlos Chavira, 134½, Juarez, won over Jesus Paez, 134, in the opening bout.

With promoter Francisco Montes staging bouts every two weeks boxing is on the upgrade in Juarez. The Nevarez-Ortiz show drew better than 2,500 fans.

WILL MARCIANO FIGHT IN 1956?

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He lacks the knack of putting blows together in combinations and his occasional one shots, no longer have any steam.

The steady wind that blew against Baker all night at Madison Square Garden may not have been of gale force but it was all action and persistent hunting. Jackson whipped slowly onward. His head and elbows moved in unison with hands that appeared to be pawing at Baker rather than punching.

On several occasions Jackson attempted his comical double uppercut. It resembled a weight lifter straining with a heavy dumb-bell and it ended up with a push against Baker's jaw.

The bout made no challenger and the humorous antics of Jackson surely escaped Baker.

Baker is out of the running and Jackson's chances aren't much better. To gain a chance at Marciano, Jackson would have to meet one or two opponents who are themselves possibilities for that honor. And he would have to win convincingly and not by way of a split verdict like his decision over Baker.

One possibility for such a match would be the highly regarded Floyd Patterson but chances are better than even that Floyd will be nursed for a while longer before meeting men who stand in his way for an all out attempt at the heavyweight title.

There is little in the entire field of possible challengers to help Jackson's chances. A match that may be made is that with John Holman. He pushed himself into the picture by his eight round kayo over hard punching Bob Satterfield and should he be successful in his bout with Joey Rowan, a young prospect, he could be a dark horse in the heavyweight sweepstakes. A Holman-Jackson fight might see the winner get a chance at Marciano.

VALDES ALSO MAY GET IN LINE FOR SHOT

Valdes also has an outside chance to get the fall crack at Rocky. His loss to Baker took what little tinsel was shinning and tarnished it to a bare glimmer. However, Nino does have that small chance.

His plans call for a match with Franco Cavicchi, the Italian, who is the European champion. A victory over Cavicchi would give Valdes a stronger claim for a title bout.

Another outsider with a bare chance is Willie Pastrano but his recent draw with Chuck Speiser, a light heavyweight, just about cuts off the limb upon which his chance was hung.

At the moment the situation seems wide open for a return match between Marciano and Archie Moore. If Moore beats Yolande Pompey, his chances of being the next man to face Marciano are excellent.

Will Marciano fight again? That hardly is the question. He'll fight, but whom?

WANT TO BE A MANAGER?

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riage."

McCarney, when old in years, although in good health, visited an undertaker and ordered his own coffin. As he was paying for it, the undertaker suggested he might like to see it.

"No thanks," replied McCarney. *"When I'm dead you'll switch it to a cheaper one."*

The oldtimers went in for fun. To day it is a serious business. You're not going to have as many laughs as they did, but you can be successful if your fighter stands up. Jack Hurley, who knows how, got a lot of mileage out of Harry (Kid) Matthews, who was no kid.

Perhaps you should get a partner, like Art Winch, who also was a trainer.

Teamed with Sam Pian, Winch managed both Barney Ross, welterweight and lightweight champion, and Tony Zale, middleweight champion. Pian handled the business arrangements, and Winch took care of the fighter's physical condition. They were a successful combination. Winch is now chief deputy on the Illinois Boxing Commission's staff.

There also have been one-shot managers, managers who handled only one fighter. Pop Foster, Jimmy McLarnin's pilot, comes under that classification. Dan Hickey is remembered only because of Paul Berlenbach whom he brought up from an amateur wrestler to a world boxing title holder. Although he has handled others, George Gainford is best identified as Sugar Ray Robinson's top man.

Of those you'll compete with is a new manager, Al Weill is the most successful. He has been matchmaker and promoter, as well as manager. Years ago he promoted at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn and developed Lou Ambers, who became world lightweight champion. When Marciano was coming up, Al was matchmaker for the International Boxing Club. It helps to be in a position of influence.

You are only looking for one champion. Weill has had four, including Marty Servo, welterweight and Joey Archibald, featherweight. He is also about to have his life shot for the motion picture screen.

Another manager negotiating to sell his story to the films is Jack Kearns, the dapper doctor, whose champions were Jack Dempsey, Mickey Walker and Joey Maxim.

Charley Johnston, brother of Jimmy, has two champs at present, Archie Moore, light-heavyweight and Sandy Saddler featherweight. Charley led the Guilds in their ill-fated battle with the commissions. The commissions are all powerful, as you will find out if you become a manager. They license everybody from usher to promoter.

There are few honors for fight managers these days. The investigations have shaken public confidence in managers as a class, but as in all walks of life, there are good ones as well as bad. It is probable that many are being condemned for the sins of the few, but the over-all picture isn't inviting to a young man seeking a manager's career.

You should know these things before you make a decision.

Many managers have failed, and drifted into some other activity. Some fighters never get out of the preliminary ranks. Your fighter may be one of these.

If you have another business you are apt to neglect it in the interest of the fighter. It takes time and money to develop a fighter.

Even when the fighter is successful, there is no diploma for the manager. He'll stay up there just as long as the fighter does. Then he'll have to start all over again.

The managers of Joe Louis—John Roxborough and Julian Black—struck it lucky the first time. After Louis retired, they never came up with a first flight pugilist. Felix Bocchicchio hasn't been heard from since Jersey Joe Walcott retired. He handled the veteran heavyweight.

No business on earth is more uncertain. Still it can be exciting and if you come up with a champion, it will be profitable.

You should know too, that most managers die broke. Morgan lost a fortune on the horses. Jacobs' estate amounted to the $90 he had had in his pocket. At least McCarney had his coffin.

So you want to be a fight manager? Don't.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND EASTERN OHIO

By Al Wolgast

PITTSBURGH IS ALL AGOG with the fantastic success of their first pro boxing show in many a moon. A packed crowd of 3,500 fans saw Promoter Ben Anolik's show which drew a gross gate of $10,908.75.

And get this, no big-names dotted the card. Strictly home-grown talent. Here are the results: Reybon Stubbs defeated Curtis Coles; Mike DeJohn, Syracuse heavyweight, bombed out Pittsburgh's Emil Brtko in two rounds; Wilf Greaves decisioned Arley Seifer; Fritzie McKinney whipped Norm Tucker and Art Mayorga walloped Ernie Fann.

▶ Ten Second Shots: Johnny Izzo of New Castle will train Ray Johnson and Ted Williams of Sharon, Pa. Good looking pros. Lou Stanich of Youngstown now sports a 14-2 pro mark. He is handled by Jack Taylor. . . . Karam Sheban of the Youngstown Arena will stage a series of pro boxing shows. . . . Jimmy Jones, Youngstown veteran, is busy as a referee. . . . Former heavyweight Jack Trammel of Youngstown is busy training fighters. . . . Be sure of your Ring, subscribe.

RULES HURT U. S. OLYMPIC CHANCES

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schedule—and I did.

"On the second day Miss Nightingale said that the Russian officials wanted to know if we were fully familiar with the International Rules and, that if we weren't, one of their referees would get in and work some of our training bouts so that the boys could get the hang of it."

The fraternizing with the Russians later was furthered by the fact that the American dressing room proved directly across the way from their's.

"Our fellows always had plenty of fruit—we had tons shipped over—and they didn't hesitate to give the Russians apples or anything that they seemed eager to have."

The problems of conforming with strange yardsticks goes far back into Olympic history, as testified to by Col. Edward P. F. (Eddie) Eagan, American light heavyweight winner in 1920 and this time an energetic fund-raising committee for the team going to Australia.

"If you recall, I had boxed in 1919 in the Inter-Allied Games in Paris," Eddie said, "and I had a better understanding of European boxing than the average American but it was disturbing. I'd come from the west, I was a Denver boy, and it was my inclination to tear in, clinch or no, a la our old hero, Jack Dempsey.

"The vocal interference is what got me. 'Stop!' 'Stop!' I kept hearing that all the time. And I'll be honest, too, and say that there was what you might call somewhat critical viewing of the American style when it came to judging. Spike Webb, our coach, got a little riled, because some of our American boxers there (in Antwerp, Belgium) deserved to win and didn't get it."

Eagan's solution of the problem is straight forward.

"Our boys have to concentrate on their straightaway punching. If you hit hard enough, you keep your man backed up and, if he's backed up, there isn't much clinching. Besides, knockouts don't put you at the mercy of those judges who may have a different idea of what is effective boxing."

In the Olympics as in some areas of pro boxing, the voting is done entirely by three judges, with the referee restricted to handling the fighters. At the same time, his penalty-invoking power actually makes him a fourth force to decide who's going to be the winner. And, naturally, he isn't subject to veto. As a result, the referee at times outvotes the judges, three to one.

In 1936 we were shut out and again in 1948.

It is not a happy reminder and those behind our Olympic boxing effort can be depended on to move heaven and earth to prevent those barren days from returning.

What will they do about it?

No. 1—They'll start teaching our lads those tricky international rules from the very start of the Olympic trials.

No. 2—In team selection, they'll seek ultra-superior talent in the hope that their margins will be so great that these can't be wiped out.

Anyway, a flatfooted pick on our fortunes at this early date is not in order. Pete Mello, the 1952 Nostradamus, is begging off. Last time, it will be recalled, his prophecy came just a day before the team took off.

But there's one thing our people will make book on, however. They'll bet you that the games won't be very far gone when some foreign referee will stop a bout, wave his finger and snort, **"American, you're holding!"**

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY

By Selsso Tiborro

UPSET OF THE MONTH WAS RICARDO MORENO'S defeat by Memo Diez, national and North American flyweight champion, placed ninth in THE RING'S classification.

▶ Rudy Coronado, 119, outpointed Chucho "Kid" Tello, 117, in ten. Luis Covarrubias, 125, and Cubanito Linaldi, 126, got a no contest verdict in the fifth of the scheduled ten-round semifinal. Enrique Saavedra, 147, stopped Eduardo Lozano, 146, in one. Rodolfo Gonzalez, 124, outpointed Nacho Luna, 127, in six. Rufino "Tibico" Torres, 116, decisioned Joe Gutierrez, 119, in four.

Memo Diez, 117, outpointed Ricardo "Pajarito" Moreno, 119, in ten torrid rounds. Beto Carbajal, 134, outpointed Manuel Rivera, 134, in ten. Roberto Bolaños, 128, decisioned Roy Hernandez, 129, in ten. Jose Luis Bautista, 118, outpointed Nacho Escalante, 118, in six. Sergio "Negro" Alfaro, 118, decisioned Antonio Coria, 118, in four.

The public was eager to see Moreno fight Diez and local promoter De la Colina had planned to inaugurate the new Arena Mexico with such event. Unfortunately, there still remained some government requirements to comply with and the program had to take place somewhere else. That is why Moreno met Diez in the old "El Toreo" bull ring, now located in Cuatro Caminos, State of Mexico, and not in Mexico City. 30,000 people were attracted by the show, which was a success in every respect. Moreno lost because he is still a green boy for his more experienced foe. But although Moreno was clearly outpointed, Diez was hurt at least three times by his fiery opponent and did not go down because he is really strong and game.

Tomas Lopez, 134, national welterweight champion decisioned, not without difficulty, Enrique Esqueda, 134, in ten hectic rounds. Lopez is now entitled to fight Baby Vazquez for the national lightweight belt.

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TEXAS BOXING NEWS

By Harlan Haas

THE NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT SURELY MUST BE FOCUSED down Texas way by now, fistically speaking, particularly on the South's largest City, Houston.

Texas Boxing Enterprises, the topnotch group who are in the driver's seat in Houston, are one of the most efficient groups I've seen. They're organized, and capable.

▶ Houston's great young featherweight, Paul Jorgensen, outboxed the veteran Lauro Salas to capture the ten round decision at the Sam Houston Coliseum. It was Texas Boxing Enterprises' first venture of 1956, and though the worst weather imaginable prevailed, over 4,000 were on hand. Jorgensen was cool and workmanlike, while Salas fought in flurries. However, many of his punches were landing on the gloves and elbows of the local youngster. Jorgensen kept an educated left hand in the good senor's face throughout the ten rounds. Jorgy scaled 128, Salas 129.

In the semi-final ten, Davey Walden, promising Youngstown, Ohio, Negro, won all ten rounds in beating courageous little Kid Campeche of Mexico City. Walden was the talk of the show, and has the ability to go all the way up the ladder both weighed 128.

Another ten brought together Jimmy Hegerle, 155, St. Paul, and Alfonso Flores, 152, Torreon, Mexico. Hegerle was the winner on all three official's ballots, and dropped the South of the Border scrapper for nine in the third round when he bounced a smashing left hook off the latin's chin.

The four round opener saw the sensational Robert E. Lee, youthful Wheatley High School student, score a third round knockout over veteran Al Boudreaux of New Orleans. Lee maneuvered his more experienced foe against the ropes in the third, landed a series of lefts and rights, then a final right hand crashed against Boudreaux's jaw that ended matters. Boudreaux weighed 145, Lee, 148.

▶ EYEBALLIN' A FEW HAPPENIN'S. . . . Roxy's Gym a beehive of activity in Houston. Many fighters train there daily, fellows like Paul Jorgensen, Davey Walden, Young Junior, Alex Vargas, Alvin Green, Lester Brown, Tony Garcia, Robert E. Lee, Tony Gonzales, Gene Hall, Baker "Proctor" Gamble, Roy Harris, Armando Flores, and many others in addition to a whole flock of amateurs. . . . Galveston all set to swing open the doors to pro boxing after being dark for nine months. Ditto for Beaumont, and Port Arthur.

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MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS

By Jack Waina

THE NEW MOTOR CITY FIGHTING GYMNASIUM WAS opened in Detroit and will give this locality one of the finest gym's in the country. This correspondent has been appointed promotions manager and senor Willie Dominguez promoter.

Weekly boxing shows will originate downstairs in the Madison Ball Room, which has a seating capacity of 1,700. Fighters interested in showing their wares here-abouts are advised to send complete data to The Motor City Fighting Gymnasium, 4647 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

▶ Tragedy struck the local scene when Eddie Lee Walker, a 24 year old heavyweight, died in the Detroit Receiving Hospital from a subdural hematoma. Walker passed away four days after his admittance to the hospital, having been unconscious all during that time.

His wife Dorothy 24, a son 8, and daughter 2, were survivors of Eddie Lee. A benefit show with the proceeds to be turned over to them will be held early in March by the new Motor City Fighting Gymnasium.

This was the first death in Michigan since October 11, 1949, when Talmade Bussey died after his eight round KO at the hands of Luther Rawlings at the Arcadia Gardens.

▶ BEHIND THE HEADLINES. . . . The contract of popular welterweight and state champion Clarence "Duke" Harris has been purchased by Arthur Fink from Fornell Griggs. Harris is one of the most promising welters developed here in many years. . . . Genial Jack Stein, Lansing promoter, is aiming for a TV show with Chuck Speiser, light-heavy contender, on top. With the right opponent for Speiser, Stein could easily better the $8,000 he did last October with Chuck Davey-Allan Kennedy at the gate.

Local fans should be interested in knowing that Rocky Slyapich, who campaigned around these parts in 1947-48, is still active in California fistic circles under the name of Rocco Slater. Since leaving this territory, Slyapich or as he is now known Slater, has been one of the busiest preliminary fighters on the coast. Rocky's career was temporarily halted by a stint in the service. . . . The boxing fraternity lost another friend when Burt Connors, one-time local trainer, passed away at the Wayne County General Hospital. Connors, who was 67 years old, was suffering from a kidney disease. Back in October of 1952, a benefit show had raised $1,500 for the old-timer. . . . About it for this month but remember your notes and comments are welcomed at all times and this writer may be reached at 8799 Homer Avenue, Detroit 9, Michigan.

THE LANGFORD LEGEND

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giving out a yarn that he had been dropped with a right, Sam's best wallop. It was all purely bunk, to arouse the public and get Johnson's goat. It did, but not to the extent of getting Langford another bout, not even after Johnson had won the title, which such a contest would have outdrawn any Jack had, so popular was Langford, especially in New York and in New England.

"Most sports writers, especially those who hadn't seen the Chelsea battle, printed everything I had sent out. All they had to do was to read the round-by-round reports of the fight to get the facts but they didn't do that. They took my version and year after year the story of Langford's prowess in that battle grew bigger and bigger. It became a legend. Johnson won and won clearly. That's the true story."

Is the record straight? It should be after that evidence. Nothing can be taken from the greatness of Langford by telling the truth about his defeat by Johnson. He was a ring marvel despite his defeats as every person who ever saw him fight will testify. Win or lose, the public got its money's worth both in the display of his fighting qualities and in the incidents usually associated with his fights.

FAMILY TIES BROKEN AT AN EARLY AGE

That a prophet is without honor in his own country is a true saying. It was borne out in the case of Sam Langford in the native village of Weymouth Falls, Nova Scotia, where his sister and cousin still live. It is in the small section settled by Negro families. There the people knew so little about Sambo, they didn't keep track of his rise to fistic fame until long after he closed his fistic career. Today they have a school named after him.

During his prime, not even his father kept tab on him. When he was approached, following a story that appeared in the Halifax paper after Sambo had returned from his trip to Europe, his dad was interviewed: "Ah 'aint seen Sam for many years," he replied, when asked what he thought of Sam's fame.

"Is he a fighter? When did he last fight? 'Ah don't know what money he's made, but here in this community, our good folks earn well working in the woods and the mills. Sam wuz brought up among them but deserted our folks for de life yuh says he's now leading. So we don't pay any attention to what he's been doing. He's no account wid us," he concluded.

The reporter who went to Sam's father for the interview, wrote:

"It's really surprising to find out how ignorant a community can be of one who has been brought up among them and has sprung into prominence as has been the case with Sam Langford. I learned that not even his father, stepmother or brothers knew that he had gone to England and had defeated the British champion and had become one of the world's most renowned ring men. One brother said he had heard that Sam had beaten Jack Johnson but didn't know the facts.

DATE OF BIRTH UNCERTAIN SEVERAL DATES RECORDED

"But all of the family admitted that Sam was of a sunny disposition, good natured, tough as a hickory, well able to take care of himself. There wasn't a boy of his age in the neighborhood who didn't try to beat him at some time or other and a few did, they admitted, but the larger number didn't."

His father, discussing Sam's birth, remarked: "Ah don't know if Sam's birth be registered but he was born on April 12, 1883." Told that the reports had his birth on February 12, 1886, dad replied:

"Cawn't be. Sam was only twelve when he left home to work in Digby, twenty miles away, and dat wuz in the spring 'uv of 1895. He wuz dere for a year. Den we lost track of him. We had a quarrel and he left home as a boy to find his way in de world."

That sets his age at the time of his death at 73 instead of the 68, 70 and 75 which various reports listed, though Joe Woodman says that Sam's sisters have his birth recorded as May 21, 1886.

Discussing his son's disappearance, Sam's father, Robert, said: "Our home was here for Sam but he didn't see fit to return and "ah didn't ask 'im to."

INHERITED STRENGTH FROM HIS FATHER

Father Robert was illiterate but a strong man, like his fighting son. Reports around Weymouth Falls had had Langford quite adept with his fists. When occasion demanded, he was ever ready to use them. His life was one of varied occupations and had been such that required constant vigilance. But in the woods, in the lumber field, on the river as driver or at sea working in several capacities, he could always look after himself. Sam inherited much of these traits from his dad. In his late years his father became the owner of a farm but neither Sam nor his brothers helped. Sam's brother Charles was a minister in New Hampshire and one of his sisters still lives in Cambridge and another in Weymouth.

Though small of stature, Sam was of stock build, muscular and a punishing performer and the terrific wallop he could deliver with either hand made him feared by his opponents. It was around this fear that the best Langford Legends were built.

Having seen Langford in ring action, one could never forget his driving body blows and the force with which he landed his knockout punches. But what one recalls most are laughable incidents that made many of his contests unforgetable.

(These will be included in the third and final article.)

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By Tom Ephrem

A HOT PASTRAMI WAS ONLY LUKEWARM TODAY, and Willie Pastrano can only blame himself. The nearest type boxer to the South's own W. L. (Young) Stribling, let Chuck Speiser, whom he had previously defeated, hold him to a draw in 10 rounds of televised action at Miami Beach. Favored to cop his second verdict over the Michigan mauler, Willie played right into Chuck's hands for eight rounds and only in the two remaining did he show the advantage which could in other rounds have earned him the nod. Flashing the form that gained him number two slot in The Ring's light-heavy ratings, Pastrano boxed and out-hit the aggressive Speiser and the story ended, in a way, good for Willie. Speiser, ranked eighth in The Ring, meant business from the start and forced the action, compiled points with a body drubbing on Willie and was several moments off from one of the early year's big upsets. His star faded in the ninth and tenth but he will be pleased to know that most of the 3,918 customers believed him the winner. The weights: Pastrano, 182½, and Speiser, 171½.

Here's the tell-tale of the tabs: Referee Cy Gottfried picked Pastrano, 96-95; Judge Fred Aaronson selected Speiser, 96-95, and Judge Stu Winston favored a draw at 96-96.

A likely-looking prospect, Crowe Peele, 185, of Baton Route and former Louisiana State University boxer, recorded a fourth round TKO over Willie Hobbs, 176½, Miami. Gomeo Brennan, 151½, Bimini, took a four from Chico Gomez, 150, Mexico. Gordon Van Loo, 150, University of Miami, defeated Jo Jo Jordan, 145½, Miami, in another four spot. Don Horner, 161½, Monmouth, Ariz., drew in a four with Willie Collins, 166, Chattahoochee. Bid Nethers, 155, Zanesville, Ohio, won a sixer from Jerry Fowler, 156½, Chicago.

▶ When Dr. Alexander Robbins, of the Miami Beach Boxing Commission, examined coatings over Chuck Speiser's eyes before the fight with Willie Pastrano, he reported both eyes were covered with collodion to the Beach Boxing Chairman, Flamen Adae. In Miami Beach this is a violation but Speiser's trainer, Al DeNapoli, said it was carpenter's cort plaster and such was allowed them in Illinois and in Michigan. Adae allowed the fight to go on after the controversy but held the fighter's purse up later, and at a hearing hung out 30-day suspension sentences to the manager and trainer. The purse, we are told, was released to the Speiser camp.

▶ Waging a smart and easily one of the best defensive scraps seen here in a Miami Beach ring, Jimmy Morris, 154½, of Miami, was able to push aside the 3-1 odds favoring Joe Miceli, and come out on top in a 10 rounder. Morris carried all tabs. He had 98-94 by both judges. Gus Jacobson and Eddie Thal and Referee Jimmy Peerless saw him 98-93. Jimmy out left-hooked the left-hooking Miceli.

Gomeo Brennan, 150, Bimini, fought to a draw in four rounds with Chico Gomez, 148, Mexico City. Steve Daye, 149½, Miami Beach, grabbed a four from Sonny Lemon, 150, Calhoun, South Carolina. Al Barraza, 142, Glendale, Arizona, took four from Joe Long, 142½, Miami.

Jimmy Beecham took a big, forward step into the boxing limelight, when, at Miami Beach, he trounced Georgie Johnson, of Trenton, N. J., and formerly of Sneads, Florida, in a 10 round headliner offered by Promoter Chris Dundee.

Beecham, who hasn't lost a fight, took the tabs of every official by a wide margin. Judge Gus Jacobson had him ahead, 100-90; Judge Eddie Thal, 99-93, and Referee Billy Regan, 98-92.

Rocky Randell, 143, Tampa, and Dennis Pat Brady, 140½, Bronx, N. Y., put on a lively mix for 10 rounds and Randell emerged top man in a crowd-pleasing go. Henry Brown, 148½, Augusta, Ga., pulled one in defeating Gordon Van Loo, 153, University of Miami, in a four. Steve Daye, 149¼, New York, grabbed a four from Chico Gomez, 150.

FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

MARIO D'AGATA, 120, EUROPEAN BANTAMWEIGHT CHAMPION, badly outpointed Little Cezar, 120, bantamweight titleholder of the Philippines, in a 10 round main event at the Rizal Open Arena for the benefit of Boys' Town. The Italian proved too smart and clever for the heavy slugging Filipino who found all his punches in the wind. It was only in the 7th round when Cezar landed all his knockout punches to face of D'Agata but they were all absorbed like a blotter. It was a big surprise to the 14,000 boxing fans that crowded the open arena when Mario came back strong and mixed freely with the Filipino, punishing the local champion in the face and body. The stamina of Mario is amazing. The decision was well received, although the referee decided in favor of Cezar. The two judges were for the Italian.

Tommy Romulo, 131¾, drew with Severo Fuentes, 137, in another 10 rounder supporting main event. The decision was booed by the crowd and it was Romulo throughout and the decision was a big surprise. Fuentes was found in queer street in the 4th, 7th and 9th with Romulo's body punches. Fuentes received a cut on the right eyebrow from the 4th caused by a blow.

Dommy Ursuwa, 111¾, badly outpointed Leo Zulueta, 112, in 10 rounds. Dommy downed Leo thrice—twice in the 3rd and once in the 5th. Billy Andy Valdez, 118, stopped Frisco Reyes, 118, in the 8th round. Terry Rebolado, 132, halted Joe Balbuena, 132, in the 5th round. Baby Ross, 116, outpointed Avenger Jr., 118, in 6 rounds. Manny Ortega, 112, decisioned Viva Zapata, 110, in another 6 rounder. Dado Corpus, 111, kayoed Frank Mabini, 109, in the 2nd round of the curtain raiser.

▶Mr. Manolo Garcia, a sportsman about town, has turned boxing promoter after his appointment as chairman of the Special Event Division of the Peace and Amelioration Fund Commission headed by Don Manolo Elizalde. Manolo's initial program was Tanny Campo, 116, and Vitichai Kunoi, 111, of Thailand, at the Rizal Open Arena. It was really a one-sided match with Tanny copping all the rounds.

Al Asuncion, 116, kayoed Ree Young, 119, of Korea, in the 9th round. Al proved too strong for the tough and aggressive Korean. Willie Tomada, 126, lost to S. S. Somkiat, 126, of Thailand, in 10 rounds. Willie was down in the 8th with a right to the chin. Puyas Boy, 126, won over Kim Joon Ho, 132, of Korea, in 8 rounds. Rey Kris, 118, beat Baby Carlos, 119, in 6 rounds. Tony Gomez, 117, bested Mario Manuel, 116, in 4 rounds.

BOXING IN THE CAROLINAS
By Chris Cline

THERE IS PLENTY OF ACTIVITY IN NORTH CAROLINA WITH the Charlotte Golden Gloves about to get under way. The Marines from Camp LeJeune are out to retain the team trophy that they won last year and appear to have a fine chance of repeating.

▶Memorial Arena, Spartanburg, S. C.: A fine crowd turned out to see an all action all-star card. Henry (Pappy) Gault, 120¼, Spartanburg, survived a tough second round to stop game Jimmy Calcutt, 130½, Florence, S. C., when a deep cut over the left eye prevented him from answering the bell for the seventh round.

Cliff Eskridge, 109¼, Cairo, Ill., came off the deck in the second to halt Maurice Treadway, 122, Charlotte, N. C., in the eighth. Cliff cut his bigger foe down with a steady attack. Ray Lancaster, 152½, Spartanburg, recently returned from a four year hitch in the Navy, pounded his way to a surprise six round kayo over former All Southern Golden Glove champ Jimmy Carter, 149½.

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MARYLANDS MERRY MAULERS
By Joe Poodles, Sr.

THE GRIM REAPER HAS REARED HIS UGLY HEAD this past month in Baltimore to take two of Baltimore's famed ringmen in the persons of Andrew Kwasnik and Charley Baum. Kwasnik was better known as Young Andy Chaney, who in his heyday boxed them all, from the champions to the best in the featherweight class. As a matter of fact Chaney was never fortunate in getting a crack at the title but did wind up licking Johnny Kilbane twice by newspaper decisions. Baum was a sturdy middleweight who gave the Baltimore fans many a stirring battle against formidable opposition and wound up as one of the better referees this state had produced. Bon Voyage to two of the best.

NEWS FROM ABERDEEN, WASH.
By Travis West

BOXING RETURNED TO THE GRAYS HARBOR AREA after an absence of three years. Promoter Cliff Olsen has scheduled shows for every two weeks and is confident that Grays Harbor will be the "Madison Square Garden of the Northwest."

The main bout, pitting Bill Miller, 145, of Seattle, with a fellow townsman, one Earl (Yo-Yo) Lewis, 145, was a determined fight with the southpaw Lewis repeatedly evening things up with a powerful left, after taking a battering about the body. The decision was a draw and Miller is still unbeaten after 25 fights.

Tommy (Swede) Berg upset the dope in the semi-windup by outguessing Indian Jerry Fraser, a smooth welterweight, in what proved to be the most interesting contest of the evening.

IOWA-SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS
By Bill Hawkins

AMATEUR BOXING IN THIS AREA HAS RECEIVED a much needed "shot" in the arm with various organizations sponsoring the sport, throughout this whole area. Professional boxing needs the amateurs and when interest is high in the latter there is a possible chance that professional boxing can get back on the scene.

There will be five teams of amateur boxers slated to compete in 22nd annual Sioux City Golden Gloves tournament this year, chosen as the result of sectional tournaments held in South Dakota and Northeast Nebraska. Winners will go to the Chicago Tournament of Champions.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By Hugh Shannon

WITH NO BOXING SHOWS BOOKED conditions in the fight game are anything but prosperous. Joey Giambra, a leading middleweight contender who lives in Buffalo, could draw a big gate if he were matched right but Giambra is doing most of his fighting away from home. He recently won a close decision over Al Andrews at Norfolk, Virginia and looked pretty good.

BOXING IN LIMA, PERU
By Dr. Wilfred Stephenson

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF THE FIGHTS staged at the Luna Park Coliseum in Lima on January 21, in the fourth professional tournament held here since the reinauguration of the game two months ago:

Alexander Candiotti defeated Gustavo Gonzalez on points in an eight-rounder. Antonio Cavero, flooring Aloides Clisso several times, won on points in another eight-rounder; Julien Lobaton, who set up a hard stand against the tough slugger, Luis Gutierrez, scored another triumph after six fast rounds.

RING NEWS FROM FAR-OFF NEW ZEALAND
By Brian F. O'Brien

FIRST COMEBACK FIGHT FOR FORMER NEW ZEALAND and British Empire welterweight champion, Barry Brown (apart from a minor affair in Australia, which he won in seven rounds) was provided by the rugged Spanish middleweight, Ricardo Marcos, at Wellington. Brown won over 12 rounds, but he had to come from behind to do so. Marcos, as he had threatened to do from the outset, spilled the tall southpaw with a lusty right in the third round, and few of the sellout attendance conceded Brown any chance of surviving the round.

He did so—a tribute to his courage and tenacity—boxed his way back into the fight, overcame the Spaniard's lead by about the tenth round, and took a close but correct decision. Marcos lost the fight in that third round, when he had Brown on the floor, hurt, but could not keep him there.

As a natural corollary of his twelve-months' spell from active boxing, Brown was clearly ring-rusty. He appeared very open, and reluctant to let go his normally sharp right lead because of the possibility of running into a Marcos counter.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS
By Chester Norton

BOXING RETURNED TO VANCOUVER, under the promotion of Earle Kalani, and a crowd of 2,000 saw Johnny Salkeld, Vancouver, 143½, win the Pacific Northwest welterweight championship by defeating Buddy McDonald, Vancouver, 146¼, over twelve rounds. Salkeld clearly outboxed McDonald for the first ten rounds and was definitely in command of the fight. However, Buddy put on a spurt during the last two rounds and looked like the fighter that pushed Dixon Hoxsey into retirement. A little more concerted effort on McDonald's part during the early rounds would have made the battle much closer.

The semi-windup was a ten rounder between Len Walters, Vancouver, 129, and Teddy Hall, Seattle, 132¼, and turned out to be the liveliest contest of the evening. Walters gave a masterful exhibition of boxing with the exception of one mental lapse in the second round.

IN "PACIFIC NORTHWEST" RINGS
By R. D. Casey

THE BIG NEWS IN THIS AREA CONTINES TO BE Pat McMurtry's march towards national recognition in the heavyweight sweepstakes. The Tacoma Harp racked up his third win of the winter season when he easily kayo'd Reno's Cordell Jones in three rounds at Portland.

▶PARMA, IDAHO:—Harley Breshears, 185, stopped Cordell Jones of Reno in the fourth round of a scheduled 10 round main event of a polio-benefit boxing card in the high school gymnasium. Avenging a knockout defeat suffered at the hands of Jones in Portland last month, Breshears floored his opponent for a nine count in the third round and twice more in the fourth before putting him away for good with a hard right to the jaw.

WESTERN MASS. RING NEWS
By Don Hamill

VIRGIL AKINS, 149, ST. LOUIS, TOYED WITH RUDOLPH BENT, 148½, British Honduras, until the fifth round when he poured on the leather to drop Bent three times. Veteran referee Jack Dekkers halted the bout with Bent on his hands and knees. Akins had held the upperhand from the start. A right shortly after the fifth started dropped Bent for 9 counts, a 1-2 spilled him for eight, and another 1-2 finished him.

Ted Doncaster, 165, Sackville, N. S., halted Young Pedro, 170, Boston, in the fifth of a one-sided affair. Augie Turiano, 186, Brooklyn, battered inept Nate Lufkin, 182, Hartford, into submission in the first round. Teddy St. Jean, 136, Central Falls, R. I., annihilated Chris Scott, 141, Boston, in two heats. Lenny Graveline, 150, Springfield, won his fourth straight pro victory by taking a four round decision over Kid Conley, 151½, Hartford.

▶Bobby Courchesne, 130, Holyoke, was hard pressed in winning a ten round decision over Johnny O'Brien, 127½, Boston, in a pleasing bout before a near capacity crowd. The smooth boxing O'Brien built up an early lead, while the aggressive Courchesne began reaching the Boston Irishman. Courchesne was hampered by a bad cut from the fourth round on. The final round was a thriller with Courchesne throwing punches at a mile-a-minute clip and O'Brien tossing bombs most of which missed their mark.

▶Slammin' Sammy Walker, 159, Springfield, became the New England middleweight champion by flattening Bob Bolton, 160, Providence, in the final heat of a twelve round bout. The title had been vacant since Ralph Zanelli retired. It was a thrilling contest with the end coming suddenly. Walker had built up a lead with his left hook, a weapon for which Bolton could not find a defense. In the twelfth round Bolton was knocked into a corner by a left hook. Walker was on him in a flash and belabored him with both hands. Bolton was unable to get away and was subjected to a bad beating. He crumpled to the canvas where he was counted out.

▶Artie Towne, 166½, New York, won a unanimous decision over Charley Chase, 167¼, Montreal, in the ten round feature. The bout was a dismal duel. Chase seemed to have too much respect for the highly regarded Towne, while Towne apparently wasn't in the mood. Whenever Chase got a little ambitious his ardor was soon dampened by a few vicious body clouts. The bout would then revert to its waltz tempo. As early as the fifth round the fans started to leave and before the bout was over fully a third had left.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

by Charlie Parish

IT WAS A MONTH FOR OLD FAVORITES. Heinz Neuhaus fought his way back to popularity in Germany by defeating Rex Layne and Jean Sneyers regained self-esteem and public confidence by licking André Valignat and obtaining a moral victory over Cherif Hamia in Paris. Tiberio Mitri, too, won over Bill Jo Cohen and Louis Trochon. One of the New Brigade, Max Resch, demonstrated his punching powers at the expense of Claude Milazzo, who nevertheless remains a threat to many aspiring middles. Werner Wiegand journeyed to England, where he was stopped by Dick Richardson after a very game display and Marcel Limage got the worst of his scrap with Joe Erskine. Gaetano Garbelli was stopped in his American debut, which may answer those who criticize this writer for keeping Christensen high in the ratings. The Dane has only met the best, men who would take on most Continentals three at a time. Sergio Milan was beaten in Australia but Luigi Coluzzi evened things up by whipping Billy McDonnell. Now for the results in detail.

▶ **Dortmund, Germany.** It was like old times for German fans at the Westfalen Hall, where 8000 watched Heinz Neuhaus win the fight which would determine his boxing future. After his erratic showings of the past twelve months, Heinz entered the ring at 214, resolved to win against tough Rex Layne, 216, of Utah. Neuhaus subbed at last moment for Gerhard Hecht, who cried off with broken hands. Neuhaus went straight to work on Layne who replied with selections from his roughhouse repertoire. The American was warned frequently for butting and roughing things up whilst Neuhaus stuck grimly to orthodox style and boxed his way to a good points win after ten rounds. He twice had the man from the Mormon State groggy but could not knock his feet from under him.

There were several other entertaining scraps, especially when Willi Besmanoff threw a right at the end of round seven which bounced off Alex Buxton's chin and bowled over referee Hans Linke. Buxton had already soaked up quite a pasting but gallantly came out to finish the eighth round, though a fresh ref was required. Besmanoff, 176, won handily over the British scrapper, who was, however, eleven pounds lighter.

Uwe Janssen, 176, had to be satisfied with a draw against nifty Albert Finch, 176, whose skill just sufficed to outmanoeuvre the stiff-clouting Hamburger for eight rounds. Gerhard Rode, 199, won over Heinz Soelisch, 207, in a mauling six and Erich Schöppner, 172, made a successful debut, stopping Werner Münch, 171, in two. Karlheinz Bick, new German lightie king, whipped the Frenchman, Jean Santanbien, over six.

▶ **Barcelona, Spain.** A new national flyweight king was crowned here when José Ogazon succeeded to the title left vacant by Young Martin, trouncing Francisco Correno over twelve fast rounds.

▶ **Tunis.** Tiberio Mitri had little opposition here, the local middles champ, Bill Jo Cohen, having no answer to the Italian's skill and experience. A crowd of 3,000 saw Mitri drop the local several times before forcing him to retire in the eighth round. Ben Ali licked Franco Rosini of Italy in a lightweight eight and Azzaro was given a draw after eight rounds against Haddad, though he took nearly every round in this welter dispute.

▶ **Iseghem, Belgium.** Alois De Wulf, former welter king, was ruled out in the seventh frame of his battle with Camille Milo and Eugene Servais nodded Charles Declercq in a feathers eight. Victor Alloo triumphed over Daniel Cobe in a lightie eight.

▶ **Paris.** Felix Chiocca successfully stormed the outworks of the lightweight line-up by his dazzling performance against Maurice Auzel, whom he stopped in the ninth round at the Salle Wagram. Marcel Dupré demolished Leon Maret in the second of another lightie and Michel Diouf rid himself of Jacques Guilbert in the second of a middles slam. Ahcene Dib outpointed Bernard Lambert in a feathers eight.

At the Central, Laouari Godih kept busy by cleaning up Ramon Dabrowski, stopping the Franco-Pole in the eighth of a lightie whilst Michel Dinot took exactly the same time to halt Cruiser Dante Lepercq.

▶ **Paris.** Pierre Pace, fierce little feathers star who finds it hard to get opponents, bumped into Jacinto Santin of Spain and found his hands full for several rounds. Punishment made the Spaniard fight back stronger and it was not until the eighth that the little blacksmith finally hammered Santin to a stop. Michel Lombardet outpointed aggressive René Weissmann in a furious welter ten and Stephan Drzeweckz licked Albert Le Strat in a middles six. Attia ben Aissa whipped Roland Roy in a bantam eight.

▶ **Bilbao, Spain.** Young Martin left his Sunday punch at home when he took Moncef Fehri, Algerian flyweight, over ten rounds to win clearly on points.

▶ **Grosseto, Italy.** The oft-delayed scrap between Altidoro Polidori and the Spanish feather, Bobby Ros, at last took place here with the Italian champ earning a good decision after ten rounds of solid battling. Dom Baccheschi halted modest Orfeo Meneghini in the fifth of a cruiser clash.

▶ **Perigueux, France.** Edouard Ptak, local Franco-Polish lightie star, had a shock when the Belgian, Georges Devos, slammed him in the fifth and nearly finished the job. Ptak recovered to win narrowly on points.

▶ **At Granville.** André Drille found the going not too easy against André Ponceblanc but won on points after a good middles ten whilst Jacques Nervi beat Caillot in a welter six.

▶ **At St. Brieuc.** Gaston Mathieu repeated a previous victory by stopping Allain in the eighth of a welter slam and Louis Perrigault licked Marie in a middles eight.

▶ **At Charleville.** Claude Lapourielle made no mistakes against the German, Albert Müller, with whom he had previously drawn, winning in round five.

▶ **Paris.** At the Stadium, Gino Menozzi came through with one of his rare victories when he massacred Lou Menzières in a cruiser battle. Mezières lambasted the Franco-Italian for a few rounds and dropped him for a count but in so doing broke his left; in the tenth round the ref called a halt in Menozzi's favor when it was descovered that Merières was also suffering from a factured jaw. Touche stopped Lenoir in the fourth of a lightweight tussle.

▶ **At the Central.** Ali Oura scraped home a close winner over the Spanish lightie José-Maria Menrique in eight and Jo Perez whipped René Nanquette in a welter six.

▶ **Abidjan, French Ivory Coast.** The globe-trotting Berlin feather, Rudi Langer, boxed brilliantly against the local bombshell, Jules Tiger Touan, earning a 10 round draw. Benjamin Dambelé outfought Elie Makridis, Marseilles welter, over ten and Pierre Soka became the new West African lightie champ by whipping Bemba of Senegal in eight.

▶ **Marseilles, France.** Superb boxing won the decision for Tiberio Mitri here against the aggressive but crude local middle, Louis Trochon, ten. Jean Tringa outpointed Amelto Falcinelli, Italian feathers vet, over ten and Dekhyl drew with Michel Clavel in a lightweight eight. Toni Feliciano stopped Tabti in the seventh of a middles maul and Fahrat won by disqualification in the first round against Delafosse, the Parisian middle.

▶ **At Brest.** Pierre Sarkissian knocked out Lambotte in the second of a welter dispute and Robert Tartari edged out Rocca in a bantam ten.

▶ **Bologna, Italy.** Hampered by injuries in recent bouts, Franco Festucci went straight into top gear here and battered tough Hamouda Bouraouci into helplessness within three rounds. A crowd of 3,000 saw the Tunisian middle take four counts before the murder was halted. Piero Rollo won as he pleased over Jesus Rubio, Spanish bantam, over ten and Angelo Brisci, subbing at the last minute for team-mate Vernaglione, licked Stefano Bellotti in a middles ten. Mangiarelli checked Pietro Zampaglione in the fourth of a feathers fray.

▶ **Amsterdam, Holland.** Harry Bos, superannuated middles star of yester year boxed

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

Month Ending Feb. 18, 1956

HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Heinz Neuhaus (G)	CharGerhard Hecht (G)	Charles Humez (F)	Emilio Marconi (I)
2. Franco Cavicchi (I)	Willie Hoepner (G)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Idrissa Dione (F)
3. Ingo Johansson (SW)	Charles Colin (F)	Hans Stretz (I)	Chris Christensen (D)
4. Kurt Schiegl (A)	Wim Snoek (H)	Tiberio Mitri (I)	Gaetano Garbelli (I)
5. Hans Friedrich (G)	William Besmanoff (G)	Max Reach (G)	Valere Benedetto (F)
6. Uber Bacillieri (I)	Fernanda Jannilli (I)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Jacques Herbillon (F)
7. Marcel Limage (B)	Aless. D'Ottavio (I)	Franco Festucci (I)	Sauveur Chiocca (F)
8. Werner Wiegand (G)	Ray Schmit (L)	Peter Miller (G)	Jacques Prigent (F)
9. Maurice Mola (F)	Ivano Fontana (I)	Claude Milazzo (F)	Umberto Vernaglione (I)
10. Giannino Luise (I)	Horst Niche (G)	Leen Jansen (H)	Gunther Hase (G)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Duillo Loi (I)	Fred Galina (S)	Robert Cohen (F)	Young Martin (S)
2. Bruno Visintin (I)	Jean Sneyers (B)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Aristide Pozzali (I)
3. Seraphin Ferrer (F)	Cherif Hamia (F)	Emile Chemama (F)	Guy Schatt (F)
4. Hoacine Kalfi (F)	Ray Famechon (F)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Henri Schmit (F)
5. Louis Carrara (F)	Rudi Langer (G)	Piero Rollo (I)	Robert Mouginot (F)
6. Laouari Godih (F)	Jules Touran (F)	Jean Renard (B)	Pipo Dionssio (F)
7. Annibale Omodei (F)	Jose Hernandez (S)	Roberto Spina (I)	Robert Pollazon (F)
8. Piet van Klaveran (H)	Altidoro Polidori (I)	Alphonse Halimi (F)	Jose Ogazon (S)
9. Manolo Garcia (S)	Sergio Milan (I)	Letterio Petilli (I)	Ot. Belardinelli (I)
10. Felix Chiocca (F)	Bobby Ros (S)	Dante Bini (F)	Giuseppi Gaviano (I)

LEGEND: (A) Austria; (B) Belgium; (D) Denmark; (F) France; (G) Germany; (H) Holland; (I) Italy; (L) Luxembourg; (S) Spain; (SW) Sweden.

his way to a draw with Camelli Milo of Belgium, in 10.

▶ **Paris.** Claude Lapleige edged out a close verdict over André Mauguin in their hot ten rounder to determine who should succeed to the vacant Parisian welter title. In a features bout, René Barriere shattered ancient Jack Lemeunier in the second and Farhoui trimmed Marmier in a lightie six.

▶ **Genoa, Italy.** Aureliano Bolognesi returned to winning ways by defeating Enzo Ganadu in a lightie six here whilst Salvatore Boi licked Angelo Idi in a middles eight and Mario Vecciato stopped Marotto in the ninth of a lightie larrup.

▶ **Venice.** Powerful Federico Friso pounded Bonino Allevi, a rival of his amateur days, into submission in four. Friso came in at 202, two pounds heavier than Allevi. Frigeri proved too good for Federico's lighter brother, Giuliano Friso, who was whipped in a welter six whilst Remo Carati trimphed over Arnaldo Camporese in a middles six and Vellucci drew with Gaudenzio Carutti in a feathers six.

▶ **Paris.** At the Salle Wagram, Felix Chiocca chalked up another win at the expense of the former feathers champ, Mohamed Chickaoui, now campaigning in the lightie ranks. The referee forbade Chickaoui to continue in order to save him punishment as he came out for the ninth round. Marcel Pigou won his seventh straight victory by demolishing rugged André Mullebrouck in the second—a middles affair.

▶ **Berlin.** At the Sports Palace, Charles Humez and Hans Stretz fought the battle of their lives before 8,500 onlookers, a battle worthy of Europe's two leading middles, Britain excluded. Both men fought at a furious pace and Stretz had something of an edge on points when he caught a right to the jaw and a left under the heart which dumped him on the canvas for "seven". The Lion of Flanders ripped into the attack once more but Stretz fought back toe to toe. The knockdown put the German off his stride and he made the mistake of mixing with Humez instead of boxing and thereby played into the visitor's hands. The verdict, winner Humez, was loudly criticized by local and foreign press.

William Besmanoff was again in action, knocking out the game Belgian cruiser, Maurice Demulder, in four, whilst Alfred Schweer won over Jean Kidy, Belgian feather, in six, and Ernst Zatzmann drew with the Belgian welter champ, Pierre Wouters, over eight. Siegfried Burrow, recent conquerer of Jacques Herbillon, could only outpoint modest Edgard Delannoit, Belgium, in another welter eight and Dieter Dorst nodded Willi Börgemann in a lightweight four.

▶ **Liege, Belgium.** Jean Sneyers, feather, completely dazzled André Valignat for ten rounds, even dropping the tough Parisian blond for "nine" in the seventh, and won hands down on points. Pierre Cossemyns returned to action with a decision over rugged Robert Meunier in a bantam ten and Jean Paternotte licked Joe Woussen in a lightweight eight. Dumont stopped Santé in the fourth of a feathers curtain-raiser.

▶ **Paris. At the Central,** Henri Schmit and Charlie Bohbot of Morocco put on a grand show, sharing the decision in a flyweight ten. Michel Francois stopped Giuseppi Benedetti in the third of a welter dispute.

▶ **At the Stadium.** Umberto Paccagnella continued winning, narrowly outpointing tough Roger Atlan in a middles ten. Touche decisioned the Portuguese lightie, Adrien Gomis, over eight.

▶ **At St. Lo,** Roger Cappato repeated a previous victory over the Dutch feathers champ, in ten and William Thieulin decisioned Roland Romano, Tunisian middle, also, ten.

▶ **Varese, Italy.** Artenio Calzavara consolidated his position among Italian cruisers by defeating promising Pietro Baldini over eight rounds whilst Ray Paini drew with Gaetano De Lucia in a lightie eight.

▶ **At Savona,** Franco Giannini laced Renato Savio in a feathers six and Giccacci stopped Capaldini in the fourth of another feathers fray.

▶ **Baden, near Vienna.** A new heavyweight tope, Alois Senn, 195, made his debut here against the Greek trial-horse, André Mamouloff. Senn didn't get cracking until the third, dropped the Greek in the fourth and wound up the affair in the following stanza.

▶ **Paris. At the Central,** Stan Sobolak put his Parisian bantam title on the line and successfully defended it against Pierre De Souza, drawing in ten. Jo Leneum became the new Parisian lightweight king by whipping André Henryet, over ten.

Alphonse Halimi, spectacular French-Algerian bantam, and latest sensation of Paris ring circles, made it ten straight wins and ninth by knockout when he battered rugged Spaniard, Antonio Diaz, into sixth-round defeat.

▶ **At Laigle,** Armand Boudin trimphed over the Italian heavy, Frank Marianny, in ten and Jean Brondel laced Ridoux in a lightie eight.

▶ **Rome.** Fennando Jannilli, who has about one fight a year—and wins it—emerged from his lethargy to snaffle the Italian cruiser title. This fell vacant last year when Fontana forfeited the crown by coming in overweight against Rocci. On this occasion, Fontana slammed Jannilli to the canvas during the second but was taken out of the fight during the fifth owing to a badly cut forehead. Thus we have the blond Jannilli, a welter champ in 1948, middles champ in 1950, finally succeeding to the cruiser title at the age of 35. On the same bill, Stefano Urbani drew with Salvatore Petrangeli in a flyweight six and Putti stopped Perolini in the third of a welter argument.

▶ **Limoges, France.** Jacques Bro was declared winner in the third round over Glauco Ottogalli, Italian cruiser, after the latter repeatedly fouled and hampered the Frenchman. El Douer whipped Roger Ferragu in a welter eight.

▶ **At Toulouse.** Louis Mourros won over Ray Girbet in a middles eight.

▶ **Paris.** The saying that a good big 'un can lick a good little 'un was disapproved at the Salle Wagram when Constant Alcantara, 5 ft. 9, was outscored by dour Jean Ruellet, 5 ft, 5½, in a robust middles ten as full of greworks as a box of hand-grenades. René Nanquette helped the fun along by icing Luc Domer in the opening stanza of a welter clash and Michel Aubignat completed the show by stopping the promising Francis Magnetto, highly-touted heavyweight hope, in seven. Aubignat, 187, dropped Magnetto, 196, four times with his deadly left hook. This was only Magnetto's fourth pro start.

▶ **Hamburg, Germany.** Although Stretz was declared loser to Humez and Gustav Scholz is still convalescent, German fight fans do not deeply despair. The latest middleweight star to burst forth, Max Resch, seems likely to bring the European crown to the Fatherland at a not too distant date. In his most recent outing, Reach demolished the highly-rated Tunisian toughie, Claude Milazzo, a man who has drawn with Humez and fought stirring bouts with Mitri, Ballarin, and a score of others. Resch tore into the visitor and soon had Milazzo on the defensive. Repeated bombardments tore open the Frenchmen's defenses and he was pounded from pillar to post, his face cut and bleeding, his ribs red and bruised. At the opening of the fifth he walked to Resch's corner and lifted the German's arm in token of surrender. Günther Hase finally dislodged Werner Handke from the welter throne in a 12 round decision. Also disputed was the points victory handed to Hans Wohlers at the expense of Holland's Gerhard van Eyck after a good middles four.

In another Dutch-German bout, Erich Walter stopped Jan Schoen in the fifth of their middles debate whilst Manfred Schneider won on points over Snucky De Bruin in a heivy four. Harry Mistols debuted with a good win, stopping Jupp Münnichhoff in the third of a lightweight discussion.

▶ **Courtrai, Belgium.** The obscure André Cottyn became the new cruiser champion stopping André Wyns in the tenth round. The title became vacant when Marcel Limage moved into the heavy ranks some time ago.

▶ **Amsterdam, Holland.** Wim Snoek cleaned up the German cruiser, Günther Huber, in seven. Jan Hagenaar had an easy trip outpointing Karl Gröbner in a middles eight.

▶ **Piea, Italy.** Sergio Burchi, accustomed to bowling over foreign opposition, has suffered but one setback as a pro. He was defeated by Michel Dinot, the French cruiser, and this time drew with the tough northerner over eight rounds. Dino Lepre drew with Vinicio Ballarini in a welter eight.

▶ **Milan, Italy.** Duilio Loi scraped home the winner in his 75 bout here before 12,000 spectators. Orlando Zulueta, the Cuban lightweight, gave his host many uncomfortable moments. The first two rounds went to Loi but the Cuban drew ahead by virtue of his lacerating left leads, one of which split open the Italian's left eye during the fifth. Thus handicapped, Loi showed that he has the heart of a champion, forcing his way past that raking left, he slammed away at the visitor's mid-section. It was a close call for Duilio and his points win was one of the narrowest decisions he has obtained.

On the same card, Bruno Visintin came through with a close points victory over Louis Carrara, French lightie, who was dropped for "eight" in the first but came back to make the pace hot. Umberto Vernaglione nearly finished off Mario Cicarelli in their welter debate and went on to win handily on points whilst Piero Rollo was declared loser against clever Letterio Petilli in a bantam ten. Flaviano Ciancarelli drew with Mangiarelli in a feathers six.

▶ **Paris. At the Mutalite,** two French champions were on display. Maurice Mols, 202, thumped out a satisfactory win over the Belgian champ, Robert Eugene, 233, in ten and Guy Schatt, flyweight king, trimmed Pipo Dionisio in a ten rounder.

▶ **At Rennes.** Fernand Nollet accidentally butted Maurice Maury in the third round of their lightweight scrap and was ruled out. Meslem defeated Claude Richard in a feathers eight.

▶ **Luxembourg.** The quarter-finals of the cruiser comp proved less spectacular than the preceding round. André Wyns and Jempy Bentz were unable to compete and their proposed opponents, Horst Niche (Germany) and Ahmed Boulgroune (Algeria) won by forfeit. Pedro Klijasens equalled Jacques Bro in boxing skill and guaranteed his victory by dropping the Frenchman for "eight" in the seventh. Ray Schmit, the only Luxemburger left in competition, won a decision over dour Günther Balzer, Germany, eight. In an additional bout, Horst Niche knocked out the American, Peter Schwetzoff, in four.

▶ **Bologna, Italy.** Joe Bygraves continued his invasion of Italian rings by taking on the tough Ferrara shoemaker, Uber Bacilieri. Bacilieri fought a clever battle, losing narrowly on points aften ten rounds. On the rest of this all-mastadon bill, Kurt Schiegl was taken out of action in the seventh session of his fight with Giannino Luise owing to a cut eye. This decision caused a minor riot as Schiegl had the Italian in trouble at the time. Federico Friso took just a few seconds to knock out the harmless Austrian. Herbert Waniek, whilst Mario Di Persio also chilled the Greek, André Mamouloff, in the opening frame. In the cruiser wind-up, Giancarlo Bettazoni threw a sudden right to the jaw of Dom Baccheschi and laid out the youngster, a mere two minutes after the opening gong.

▶ **Rotterdam, Holland.** The unbeaten young Dutch middles king, Leen Jansen, chalked up his thirtieth victory by outscoring experienced Mickey Laurent of France, over ten rounds. Jacques Bataille, French lightweight, made a close fight with Piet van Klaveren but faded rather in the final sessions and lost over ten whilst Frits van Kempen retained his Dutch welter title by knocking out the former holder, Theun Brommer. This was the sixth consecutive defeat before the limit for Brommer.

NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

THE untimely passing of former British Featherweight Champion Nel Tarleton, of Liverpool, was a sad blow to his family, his many admirers, and the sport. Nel, one of the cleverest boxers this Island has ever produced, was always a credit to the game he graced so well and for so long and will be sorely missed. Neil died two days before his fiftieth birthday, and left a wife and two children. 'May His Soul Rest In Peace'.

Jack Solomons, rapidly becoming known as a TV star in Britain now, with his "Scrapbook of Boxing Memories" show, is shortly to visit Israel at the invitation of the Sports Minister of that country. The idea is that Jack should investigate the possibilities of staging big-time boxing in Tel Aviv's 35,000-seat stadium. Meanwhile, Jack is still trying to persuade World Flyweight King Pascual Perez to put his title on the line against Dai Dower, of Wales. The bait is £9,000, but with the present entertainment tax situation in Great Britain, Jolly Jack may be biting off more than he can chew just to give Dower his title shot. What Spain's Young Martin thinks of all this, is anyone's guess.

▶ **MANCHESTER**—Peter Waterman, Clapham's unbeaten Welterweight prospect, 146¾, had an easy outing when he stopped Roger Faqueur, France, 147, in the third of a scheduled ten rounder. Waterman pounded the Frenchman and floored him early in the opening round, but it was a cut over the left eyebrow that caused Referee Bill Dowling to halt the bout.

Benny Nieuwenhizen, South Africa, 146¾, defeated the German Welterweight Champion Werner Handke, 144½, when the latter was forced to retire at the end of the eighth round as his nose had been severely damaged. . . . Leo Molloy, Birkenhead, 136½, lost to Johnny Miller, North Shields, 135, when referee Ben Green disqualified him for alleged persistent holding. . . . Eddie Thomas, South Africa, 160½, outscored Kit Pompey, British Guiana, 161¼, over eight punishing rounds. . . . Les Morgan, Acton, 147, stopped Bill Wooding, Birmingham, 146½, in the second. . . . Al Sharpe, Belfast, 137, knocked out George Whelan, Acton, 134, in the eighth.

▶ **BLACKPOOL**—Tommy Molloy, Liverpool, 146½, stopped Bobby Johnson, Plymouth, 147, when Johnson was forced to retire in the seventh session with a damaged right eye. . . . Don Martin, Formby, 127, stopped Alf Lister, Manchester, 128, in the first round. . . . Mike Coen, Dublin, 115, knocked out Stan Barnett, Newton-le-Willows, 140, in the second. . . . Frank Webb, Wigan, 140, stopped Tex Williams, Carlisle, 148, in the fourth. . . . Brian Petherwick, Preston, 143, outpointed Chris Howson, Lancaster, 142, in 4.

▶ **BELFAST**—Jimmy Brown, Belfast, 126¼, knocked out Eddie McNally, Portadown, 127¼, in the second. . . . George Lavery, Northern Ireland Middleweight Champion, 163, easily outpointed Jack Johnson Cofie, Gold Coast, 163, over eight rounds. . . . Jim Fane, Belfast, 134¾, knocked out Cecil Martin, Belfast, 130½, in the first. . . . Arty White, Bangor, 137¾, stopped Harry Millar, Belfast, 135½, in the second. . . . Joe Sharpe, Belfast, 135, stopped Harry Johnston, Belfast, 133, in the second.

▶ **LIVERPOOL**—Billy Ellaway, Liverpool, 160, scored a comfortable points win over Fredi Teichmann, Germany, 151, in a sparkling eight rounder. . . . Jimmy Shackleton, Australia, 126½, outscored Percy James, Southport, 127½, over eight. . . . Ronnie Doyle, Liverpool, 147, was disqualified in the second round of his bout with Bobby Gill, Birkenhead, 147, for an alleged low blow. . . . Billy Gibson, Fishburn, 127¾, and Alf Cottam, Preston, 126, drew over six rounds. . . . Ken Lancaster, Doncaster, 154, stopped Kay Smith, Manchester, 161, in the fourth round.

▶ **BELFAST**—Billy Spider Kelly, British Featherweight Champion, 129½, was untroubled in outpointing Louis Poncy, France, 127, over ten rounds, before a 12,000 capacity house. . . . Charlie Hill, Scottish Featherweight Champion, 127½, took an eight rounds points decision from Jesus Rubio, Spain, 126, and gave the Irish fans a chance to see his wares before he meets Kelly in a title scrap shortly.

Matt Fulton, Coatbridge, 127, was outpointed by Jimmy Brown, Belfast, 128, over eight rounds. . . . Paddy Graham, Belfast, 136½, stopped Bobby Kilpatrick, Springside, 136½ in the first of a scheduled six rounder. . . . George Lavery, Belfast, 163, outscored Willie Armstrong, Scottish Middleweight Champion, 163, over eight rounds. . . .

▶ **BLACKPOOL**—Jimmy Zale, Nigeria, 133½, stopped Ron Greb, Liverpool, 137, in the sixth when Greb suffered a badly cut eyebrow. . . . Jack Josephs, Belfast, 125, was knocked out in the second of a six rounder by Alf Cottam, Preston, 125. . . . Ron Allway, Halifax, 146, knocked out Ron Bernard, Carlisle, 144, in the third. . . . Jackie Tiller, Manchester, 121½, outpointed Colin Clough, Blackpool, 124, over four rounds. . . . Eddie Sykes, Huddersfield, 152½, won from Jack Thomas, Liverpool, 153, when the latter was disqualified in the third for an alleged low blow. . . .

▶ **DUNDEE**—Jimmy Croll, Dundee, 146, won the Scottish Welterweight Championship when he outpointed the holder, Roy McGregor, Glasgow, 143½, over twelve rounds. . . David Croll, Dundee, 134½, knocked out Harry Hunter, Belfast, in the first. . . . Tony McCrorey, Greenock, 137, outscored Billy Ferguson, Polmont, 138, over six. . . . Johnny McLaren, Coatbridge, 136, outpointed Martin Tolan, Esington, 134½, over six. . . . Dick Knox, Motherwell, 140, stopped Ray Dandridge, Huddersfield, 151¾, the latter retiring with a gashed eyebrow in the fourth.

▶ **BELFAST**—Garnett Denny, Belfast, 179, knocked out Jim Lindley, Doncaster, 168½, in the third. Jim Fisher, Belfast, 133½, stopped Sammy Cowan, Belfast, 140½, in the fourth after punishing him severely. . . . Jackie Davidson, Belfast, 134½, outscored Len Donnelly, Derry, 137¼, over eight. . . . Harry Millar, Belfast, 133½, floored Joe Sharpe, Belfast, 135, six times but had to be content with a points win over six rounds. . . . Joe Nesbett, Belfast, 120¾, stopped Billy Adams, Belfast, 121, in the fourth.

▶ **BLACKPOOL**—Billy Ellaway, Liverpool, 160, punched far too hard for Abe Quartey, Gold Coast, 164, and stopped the game boy in the second round. . . . Pat McCarthy, Birkenhead, 130½, and Percy James, Southport, 128½, drew over six rounds. . . . Chris Howson, Lancaster, 142½, won over Brian Petherwick, Preston, 144, the latter being disqualified for alleged misuse of the head. . . . Jimmy Cottrill, Birkenhead, 140, outpointed Tex Williams, Carlisle, 144, over four rounds. . . . Frankie Webb, Wigan, 150, outpointed Ken Ashwood, Derby, 150, over six. . . . Charles Odunasi, Gold Coast, 126, outpointed Dave Walsh, Belfast, 120, over four rounds.

▶ **WALSALL**—Boswell, St. Louis, Trinidad, 138½, outpointed Darkie Hughes, Cardiff, 139 over eight rounds. . . . Tommy Turner, Manchester, 156, won over Colin Spittles, Brierley Hill, 153, when the latter was disqualified for an alleged low blow in the fourth session. . . . Clarke Mellor, Stockport, 172, stopped Jack Williams, Preston, 172½, in the first. . . . Malcolm McLeod, Coventry, 112, stopped Jimmy Lewis, Manchester, 117, in the fourth. . . . Barry Ward, Nottingham, 128, outpointed Barrie Allport, Walsall, 128, over four rounds.

▶ **GREAT YARMOUTH**—Leo Maloney, Hillingdon, 147, stopped Johnny Maloney, Dagenham, 146½, in the fifth when Johnny had received a gashed eyebrow. . . . Ernie Martland, Doncaster, 163½, stopped Fred Britton, Kings Lynn, 163, in the first round. . . . Don Chosirel, Alderney, 122, outpointed Cliff Giles, Linton, 123, over six rounds. . . . Maurice Murfitt, Downham, 138, outpointed Oliver Paul, Nigeria, 137, over six rounds. . . . Vic Bowyer, Hornchurch, 146, outpointed Terry Raymond, Enfield, 147½, over six rounds. . . . Peter Reed, Reach, 125, knocked out Tony Amis, Great Yarmouth, 121, in the third.

▶ **BELFAST**—There was a strange ending to the contest between Charlie Cosgrove, Belfast, 148½, and Roy McGregor, Glasgow, 143, who were matched over eight rounds. The contest was fought at a cracking pace, when suddenly in the third round referee Jack Hinds intervened and disqualified McGregor, but failed to give any reason for so doing. Seems like a case for Sergt. Friday!

Dave Lyttle, Belfast, 119½, stopped Don Armagh, Gold Coast, 116, in the sixth, a cut eyebrow causing the closure. . . . Jim Fane, Belfast, 134, knocked out Jim O'Brien, Belfast, 136½, in the second round. . . . Sammy Cosgrove, Belfast, 128½, stopped Benny Vann, Belfast, 120½, in the fifth. . . . Ray Lindsay, Belfast, 131¾, outpointed Joe McAuley, Belfast, 138½, over six rounds.

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

TO FEBRUARY 17, 1956.

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1 Don Cockell (E)	Yolande Pompey (T)	Pat McAteer (E)	George Barnes (A)
2 James J. Parker (C)	Ron Barton (E)	Mike Holt (SA)	Hector Constance (T)
3 Jack Gardner (E)	Yvon Durelle (C)	Johnny Sullivan (E)	Attu Clottey (WA)
4 Johnny Williams (E)	Gordon Wallace (C)	Billy Ellaway (E)	Vincent O'Kine (WA)
5 Joe Erskine (W)	Albert Finch (E)	Lew Lazar (E)	Peter Waterman (E)
6 Henry Cooper (E)	Terrence Murphy (E)	Les Allen (E)	Benny Nieuenhizen (SA)
7 Joe Bygraves (E)	Johnny Halafihi (TO)	Eddie Thomas (SA)	Wally Thom (E)
8 Dick Richardson (E)	Ed "Polly" Smith (B)	Billy McDonnell (A)	Barry Brown (NZ)
9 Kitione Lave (TO)	Arthur Howard (E)	Charlie Chase (C)	Peter King (E)
10 Brian London (E)	Joveci Bau (F)	Lou Lawrence (C)	George Happe (E)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1 Ludwig Lightburn (BH)	Hogan Bassey (WA)	Willie Toweel (SA)	Dai Dower (W)
2 Richie Howard (C)	Billy Kelly (I)	Kevin James (A)	Jake Tuli (SA)
3 Johnny Van Rensberg (SA)	Alby Tissong (SA)	Peter Keenan (S)	Frank Bennett (A)
	Elijah Mokone (SA)	Bobby Sinn (A)	Teddy Rainbow (A)
4 Armand Savoie (C)	Charlie Hill (S)	Fernand Gagnon (C)	Jimmy Quinn (S)
5 Solly Cantor (C)	Jimmy Black (T)	Jimmy Cardew (E)	Dennis Adams (SA)
6 Gordon Goodman (E)	Teddy Peckham (E)	David Goygotya (SA)	Gerry Jooste (SA)
7 Joe Lucy (E)	Sammy Bonnici (M)	George O'Neill (I)	Malcolm McLeod (E)
8 Sammy McCarthy (E)	Jimmy Brown (I)	John Smillie (S)	Dick Currie (S)
9 Frank Johnson (E)	Matt Fulton (S)	Jimmy Carson (I)	Taffy Hancock (A)
10 Dave Charnley (E)			

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (B) Barbados; (BE) Bermuda; (BG) Britsh Guiana; (BH) British Honduras; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (GC) Gold Coast; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales; (WA) West Africa.

▶**BELFAST**—George O'Niell, Belfast, 121½, had an easy victory over Ogli Tettey, Gold Coast, 122½, who retired in the sixth of a scheduled eight rounder. O'Niell gradually assumed control of the bout and the towel coming in from Tettey's corner, signalled the end of a one-sided and monotonous bout. . . . Jim Fisher, Belfast, 133, stopped Joe King, Belfast, 143½, in the fourth. . . . Jim Hamilton, Belfast, 138¼, stopped Sammy Cowan, Belfast, 143, in the sixth, the referee calling a halt when Cowan was in a bad way. . . . Jim Fane, Belfast, 134½, knocked out Artie White, Bangor, 137½, in the second. . . . Arty Magill, Belfast, 139½, knocked out Joe McAuley, Belfast, 138½, in the first round.

▶**BLACKPOOL**—Mike Coen, Dublin, 139, outpointed Jimmy Cottrill, Birkenhead, 138½, in the main eight rounder. . . . Peter Cobblah, Gold Coast, 147½, outscored Ronnie Doyle, Liverpool, 146, over eight. . . . Paddy Walmsley, Preston, 113, knocked out Ken Gregson, Blackpool, 110, in the first. . . . Alf Cottam, Preston, 125, outpointed Charlie Odumasi, Gold Coast, 126, over six rounds.

▶**SMETHWICK**—Santos Martins, Nigeria, 149, stopped Roy Baird, Birmingham, 145½, when Baird received a badly gashed lip in the fifth session. . . . Terry McHale, Liverpool, 121, outpointed Billy Gibson, Fishburn, 124½, over eight rounds. . . . Don Williams, Southall, 153½, defeated Teddy Teal, Doncaster, 152½, over six rounds. . . . Wally Scott, West Ham, 158, knocked out Ken Lancaster, Mesborough, 155½, in the second round. . . . Kevin Duffy, Hillingdon, 141½, stopped Eddie Monahan, Southport, 133½, in the fourth, the referee intervening after Monahan had taken several long counts.

▶**NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB**—Sam Langford, Nigeria, 173½, made a winning debut in this country when he blasted Tony Dove, Battersea, 176, to defeat in the fifth round. Dove started well, flooring his man in the first session, but once Langford had recovered from the knockdown, he soon reduced the Londoner to a helpless condition and the referee intervened.

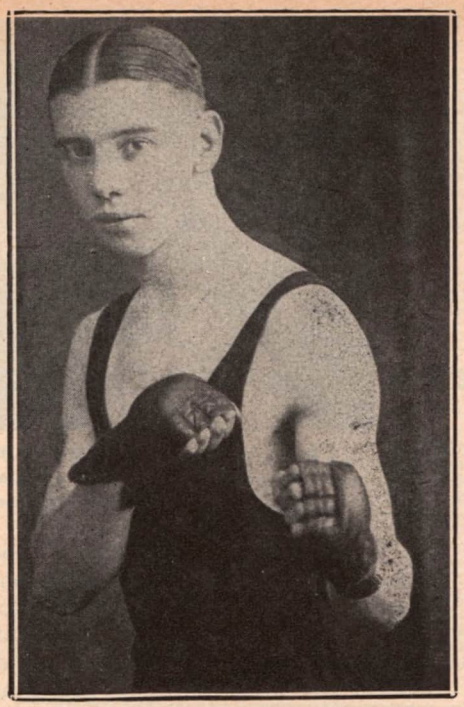
Dennis Hinson, Dagenham, 135, outpointed Willie Lloyd, Brecon, 135½, over eight rounds. . . . Ron Richardson, Canning Town, 144½, seemed fortunate to get the nod over Gerry McStravick, Belfast, 143½, at the end of another eight rounder. . . . Teddy Horrix, Paddington, 133½, outpointed George Rogers, Stratford, 134½, over six rounds.

▶**BIRMINGHAM**—Ron Hinson, Dagenham, 136, outpointed Kurt Ernest, Exeter, 138, over eight rounds. . . . Peter Hill, Leyton, 138, stopped Vic Glover, Birmingham, 138, in the fourth. . . . Roy Akver, Gold Coast, 135½, outpointed Tommy Ryan, Paddington, 137½, over six rounds. . . . Colin Spittle, Brierley Hill, 151, outpointed Ken Ashwood, Derby, 151, over six rounds. . . . Billy Conn, Birmingham, 213½, stopped Danny Harmston, Islington, 194, in the fifth. . . . Ken Langford, Slough, 120, outpointed Dennis Hill, Abergavenny, over six rounds.

▶**EPSOM**—Johnny Read, Norwich, 163, stopped Rocco King, Doncaster, 160½, in the seventh of a scheduled eight rounder, when King retired after being on the receiving end. . . . Eddie Wright, Stepney, 176, outpointed Stan Lotriet, South Africa, 173½, over six rounds. . . . Frankie Nicholson, Bow, 114¾, and Bill Downer, Hackney, 115, drew over six. . . . Vic Smith, Croydon, 147, stopped Lionel Tropman, Barnet, 146, in the third when Tropman received a badly cut eyebrow. . . . Johnny Cheatle, Portsmouth, 139, outpointed Ken Lewis, Jamaica, 134½, over six rounds. . . . Malcolm Affleck, Guildford, 162, outpointed Freddie Balio, Gold Coast, 160, over six.

▶**WEMPLEY TOWN HALL**—Arthur Murphy, Camden Town, 135, knocked out Phil McCoy, Westbourne Grove, 136½, in the second. . . . Vispi Banaji, India, 152½, outpointed Ken Mullins, Jamaica, 158, over six rounds. . . . Alf Drew, Stepney, 128, and Johnny Howard, Holloway, 126, boxed a draw over six rounds. . . . Tony Chellis, Euston, 143½, stopped Jack Koffi, Gold Coast, 140½, in the fourth. . . . Tom Giles, Stepney, 154½, stopped Stan Hooker, Bournemouth, 158½, in the third. . . . Johnny Lomey, Euston, 137½, won a hard six rounds verdict over Johnny Phillips, Covent Garden, 136½, while Kenny Thomas, Covent Garden, 127½, stopped Dave Goodwin, Bournemouth, in the third, when Goodwin retired with a gashed eyebrow.

▶**BLACKPOOL**—Malcolm McLeod, Coventry, 112, outpointed Dick Currie, Glasgow, 112, after eight hard rounds. McLeod, always the aggressor, never allowed Currie a chance to settle down, and bustled his way to a clear points win. . . . Don Martin, Formby, 129, stopped Len Shaw, Sheffield, 132, in the sixth, the latter retiring after taking heavy punishment. . . . Jack Josephs, Belfast, 130, outpointed Billy Nelson, Lancaster, 132, over four rounds. . . . Gerry Jones, Wigan, 114, outpointed Bobby Davies, Lancaster, 112, over four rounds. . . . Eddie Burns, Liverpool, 121, outscored Jackie Tiller, Manchester, 121½, also over four, while Brian Petherwick, Preston, 147, knocked out Derek Reynolds, Blackpool, 147½, in the second.



One of the finest boxers in British history, and still a national champion when he retired at 41, featherweight Nel Tarleton's death at 50 was a shock to sports followers the world over.

▶**BELFAST**—Nye Ankrah, Gold Coast, 127½, stopped Joe Quinn, Belfast, 128, in the first session, Quinn retiring with a badly damaged eye. . . . Sammy Cosgrove, Belfast, 128½, was lucky to get the nod over Alf Cottam, Preston, 127, after eight fierce rounds. . . . Sam Thompson, Belfast, 149½, knocked out Willie Johnston, Belfast, 148½, in the second round. . . . Arty McGill, Belfast, 136½, outpointed Pat Price, Newry, 141, over eight. . . . Ray Lindsay, Belfast, 133, stopped Tommy Rooney, Belfast, 129½, in the third, after Rooney had taken three long counts.

▶**CARDIFF**—Joe Erskine, Cardiff, 197, easily outpointed Marcel Limage, Belgium, 188¾, over ten rounds, and was greeted by a storm of booing when the decision was announced. There should be no disagreement with the referee's verdict, but the crowd showed disapproval at Erskine's inability to find a finishing punch.

Teddy Best, Cardiff, 131, outpointed Pat McCoy, Galway, 134, over eight sensational rounds. . . . Johnny Smith, Portsmouth, 177, stopped Noel Trigg, Newport, 171½. The latter sustained a badly gashed eyebrow, and was unable to continue for the sixth round. . . . Len "Luggy" Reece, Cardiff, 112, made a winning professional debut when he knocked out Bill Downer, Stole Newington, 113, in the first round. . . . Rees Moore, Luton, 148, outpointed Parry Dando, Newbridge, 148, over eight rounds. . . . Johnny McMullen, Cardiff, 147, stopped Dick Davies, Caerphilly, 147, in the fourth.

▶**STREATHAM ICE RINK**—Two of Britain's most highly touted heavyweight hopes, Dick Richardson, Newport, 198, and Brian London, Blackpool, 194½, won their bouts inside the distance, but both revealed that they have much yet to learn, and in these particular instances they can be grateful to indecisive refereeing for the victories.

In Richardson's case, against Werner Weigand, Luxembourg, 229, the Newport boxer, showed that he has yet to know how to pick his punches carefully and how to maneuver an opponent whom he already has in difficulties. Referee Hart warned Richardson for a low blow in the third round. In the sixth session Richardson's heavy punching began to take its toll and the referee intervened after Weigand had taken several counts and was in a bad way.

In the other contest, Brian London was adjudged the winner over Jim Cooper, Bellingham, 194, when the referee Harry Bentley intervened in the fourth round after Cooper had taken several long counts, but here again there had been an incident that made the verdict very unsatisfactory indeed.

Cooper had cleverly outboxed the Blackpool lad from the opening bell, revealing the latter's shortcomings in no uncertain fashion. In the second round Cooper shot a punch to London's body that had the Blackpool man grovelling on the canvas and appealing for a foul. The blow was not low from where I sat, and timekeeper C. H. Nicholls commenced the count.

London rose at seven, whereupon Referee Bentley immediately began admonishing Cooper. When the box-on signal was given, London again dropped to the canvas, and the timekeeper took up the count from where he had previously dropped it. London was up at seven, but fully recovered . . . in fact he had taken a count of nearly twenty-five, if you include the time spent by the referee lecturing Cooper.

London tore into Cooper in the fourth session and floored him several times before the referee halted the bout as Cooper had received a cut eyebrow!

George Dormer, East Ham, 116½, knocked out Alan Sillett, Acton, 117¾, in the fifth, with a beautifully placed body punch. . . . George Whelan, Acton, 138, knocked out Tommy Ryan, Paddington, 137¾, in the third. . . . Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, 147, stopped Les Morgan, Acton, 149, the latter retiring in the fourth round with damaged hands. . . . Jack London, Blackpool, 174, outpointed Stan Latriet, South Africa, 177½, over eight energetic rounds.

▶**NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB**—Australian featherweight Jim Shackleton, 127¼, scored his best win since arriving in this country when he outpointed Pat McCarthy, Birkenhead, 129, over a fast and fierce eight rounder. . . . Ken Langford, Slough, 121, stopped Don Coshirel, Alderney, 121¼, in the second as Coshirel had received a gashed eyebrow. . . . Johnny Millington, Alderney, 167¾, and Wally Scott, West Ham, 157¼, drew over six strenuous rounds. . . . Ronnie King, Walworth, 161, didn't have it all his own way in outpointing Malcolm Affleck, Guildford, 159½, over six rounds. . . . Johnny Lomey, Euston, 139, stopped George Rogers, Stratford, 135, in the first round, the cause being a gashed eyebrow. . . . Selwyn Langford, Slough, 115, stopped Billy Downer, Stoke Newington, 115, in the third.

▶**GREAT YARMOUTH**—Peter Longo, Covent Garden, 158¼, made a winning return to action after an eighteen month layoff, when he stopped Charlie Lake, Catford, 161½, in the fifth session. The referee intervened when Lake was in a bad way after a long count. . . . Ron Richardson, Canning Town, 145, stopped Tommy Organ, Bethnal Green, 148½, in the fifth. . . . Clive Campling, Norwich, 139, and Billy Keirnan, Sheperds Bush, 140, drew over six rounds. . . . Cliff Giles, Linton, 123½, outpointed Tommy Macormac, Somerstown, 128, over six rounds. . . . Vic Bowyer, Hornchurch, 144, outpointed Ron Everett, Hillingdon, 141, over six rounds.

▶**BELFAST**—Jim Fisher, Belfast, 134½, and Joe King, Belfast, 137½, fought hard for four rounds before King retired in the fourth after taking heavy punishment. . . . Mickey King, Belfast, 121½, knocked out Joe Nesbitt, Belfast, 121½, in the first round. . . . Jim Taggart, Lisburn, 141, stopped Jim Fane, Belfast, 136½, in the fourth. . . . Billy Graham, Lisburn, 125, knocked out Tommy Bleeks, Stewartstown, 139, in the third. . . . Ray Lindsay, Belfast, 133½, outpointed Cecil Martin, Belfast, 133, over six rounds.

Ron Barton of West Ham who will shortly meet Albert Finch, Croydon, for the vacant light heavyweight crown, was able to clean up the only black mark on his record when he outpointed Alessandro D'Ottavio, Italy, over ten rounds at Harry Levene's promotion. D'Ottavio holds a points decision over Barton, and the West Ham lad fought hard, but not brilliantly, to turn the tables. Barton, despite his victory, showed that he still has a lot to learn.

Smiling Sammy McCarthy, Stepney, made his debut as a lightweight with a convincing win over British Lightweight Champion Frank Johnson, Manchester, over ten rounds. Johnson punished McCarthy in the first round, but then seemed to go into a shell, and thereafter it was all the Stepney lad, who piled up a convincing points lead to notch the decision.

Lew Lazar, Aldgate, and Eddie Thomas, South Africa, fought hard for eight rounds, with Lazar seemingly having done more than enough to merit the decision, therefore when referee Davidson gave his nod to Thomas, pandemonium broke loose and there were some ugly scenes, with some unhappy ringsiders even trying to attack the referee. This decision was so unpopular that the noise continued way into the next bout, and Mr. J. Onslow Fane, of the British Boxing Board of Control took the unprecedented step of not allowing Davidson to referee as advertised in another contest. My own opinion of this is that the referee must have been watching some other fight!

SEEN ON TV

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Born 26 years ago at Mt. Kisco, N. Y., the second in a family of four boys, he has lived most of his life in Paterson where he was a star football player in high school. Vince entered the 1947 Diamond Gloves along with a number of teammates and reached the finals. The next year he went on to capture a number of amateur titles in both the Diamond and Golden Gloves.

Making his pro bow in 1949, he rolled up 26 wins in 27 starts, with 15 kayos to earn the 1952 "Rookie of The Year Award".

Living up to his early promise, Martinez has advanced steadily to his present position and is currently on a twenty-one bout winning streak. While turning in 47 triumphs in 50 contests, he has halted 25 opponents including Carmine Fiore, Don Williams, Tony Pellone, Peter Müller, Chuck Davey and Rocky Casillo. He has also defeated Art Aragon, Al Andrews, Chico Vejar, Lester Felton and Chris Christensen.

Recently Vince's younger brother, Anthony (Chuck), made his successful debut in the Newark Golden Gloves as a novice middleweight. Working in his corner, Vince stated that he was twice as nervous as when he fought himself.

Martinez's flashy style and personality have made him a big favorite with the fans both at home and in the arenas. Vince has been seen on Television twenty times with fourteen of these bouts being on network boxing shows.

RORY CALHOUN

WHILE less handsome than his more famous namesake, movie star Rory Calhoun, the White Plains, N. Y. middleweight threat is on his way to being as famous in his chosen career. Actor Rory was flattened by Jeff Chandler in the movie "The Spoilers". Speaking of spoilers, Rory the fighter, is just that.

In scoring seventeen straight wins Rory has spoiled quite a few records. The only losses on the record of Angelo DeFendis and Jerry Luedee, two outstanding prospects, were put there by Calhoun.

A few weeks ago he stopped the veteran Charley Salas in nine rounds. It marked the only time in over 200 fights that Salas failed to last the limit. In his TV debut, Rory pounded out an impressive win over Jerry Luedee. Jerry had won nine straight before Calhoun whipped him in 1954, and once again was on a nine bout streak when Rory repeated in a thrilling bout.

Herman Rory Calhoun was born in McDonough, Ga. on September 29, 1934, the fifth child in a family of eleven, composed of seven boys and four girls. His father, the Rev. Willie Calhoun, was a part time farmer but now has his own church in Atlanta, Ga.

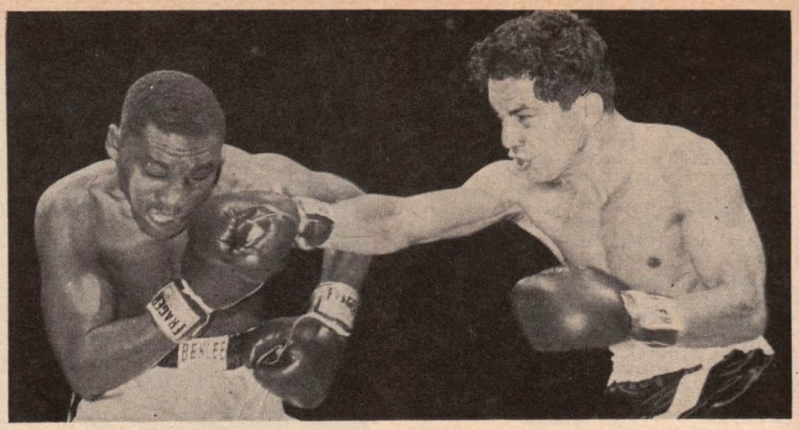
A mischievous youth, Rory was always getting into fights. From childhood he had his heart set on becoming a boxer. His father was set against it, but that did not discourage Rory and when the family moved to Atlanta in 1951, he got his first chance by joining the YMCA.

He won the Georgia YMCA welterweight championship in 1951 and 1952 and was so good that following his graduation from Booker T. Washington High School, he was offered athletic scholarships to Texas A&T and Greenville A&I colleges. However, due to his financial burdens at home Rory took a job picking tobacco in Hartford County, Conn. instead of going to College. When the picking season was over he came to White Plains to live with his aunt.

Entering the Golden Gloves, he reached the finals before losing. This same year, 1954, he captured the PAL and Metropolitan AAU 160 pound titles and lost in the semi-finals of the National AAU tournament in Boston to Don McCray who won the championship.

A diligent worker, who believes in improving himself he is being trained by Charley Goldman, the man responsible for developing Rocky Marciano and is managed by Frank Bachman who years ago handled the affairs of Maxey Rosenbloom, world's light heavyweight champion.

A fast combination puncher who shifts his style to offset his opponents, he has defeated Hardy Smallwood, Clifton Lester, Sonny Gill, Mel Collins, Don Bryant and Curtis Bruce. He has one of the brightest futures in the middleweight class.



Cisco Andrade scores with a right to the head of exchampion Jimmy Carter during their lightweight tussle at Chicago. Cisco gained a disputed split verdict after ten tough rounds over his veteran opponent.

CARLOS ORTIZ

NINETEEN year old Carlos Juan Ortiz, a flashy lightweight from New York's East Side, carved a niche in the hearts of the TV fans with his impressive triumph over tough Ray Portilla in his TV bow a few weeks ago. In beating the heavier and more experienced Portilla, Ortiz notched his thirteenth straight victory.

Carlos, the fourth eldest in a family of eight, three brothers and five sisters, was born in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, on September 9, 1936 and moved with his family to New York when he was nine years old.

An athletic youngster, he joined the Madison Square Boys' Club where he learned boxing and showed a marked ability for the sport. He soon became a top eighty-five pounder and boxed with the Boys' Club until he entered the more formal amateur ranks in 1952.

In 1953 Carlos won the International AAU 135 pound title, and the following year, went to England where he retained his crown. In a brilliant amateur career, he won a number of titles. He lost only once in thirty-four contests.

A recent graduate of the Machine and Metal Trades high school, he hopes eventually to open his own own machine shop.

A member of the New York State National Guard, Carlos is a corporal and a mortar gunner who serves with Co. H, 165th Inf., 42 Division. All of his buddies turn out to see him fight.

Ortiz launched his pro career a little over a year ago while still in school. He quickly displayed the talent that has moved him to the main bout class in so short a time.

A speedy boxer with a stiff left hook and a sharp right, he needs only the ringcraft that comes with time to be ready for the top men. A tall, well-built lad he apears to be growing into a welterweight.

In his last bout before defeating Portilla, Carlos kayoed the veteran Charley Titone in two rounds, Charley had twice gone the limit with Willie Pep.

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NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By Lewis Eskin

RAMBLING AROUND:—JERSEY BOXING HIT A SLUMP THIS PAST MONTH with only one pro show at Paterson, but the Golden Glove tourney got under way in Newark. Georgie Johnson, Trenton middleweight who looked to be a title threat this time last year, suffered another loss when he was beaten by young Jimmy Beechan of Philadelphia in Miami Beach. Charlie Fusari, the former Irvington welterweight contender, was married on February 19th. Former heavyweight champion Jersey Joe Wolcott is going to engage in some exhibition bouts on the West Coast.

▶With the Golden Gloves one month old the best looking lads are among the novice class: Anthony (Chuck) Martinez, of Haledon (the kid brother of Vince); Lew Jacobs of Newark; Johnny Kietrays of Hackettstown; Robert Turner of Newark and Willie Green of Newark. Among the open class are Tom Brown of Trenton; Paul Quinlan of Newark and Carl Edwards of Red Bank.

▶Paterson Armory: Young matchmaker Lou Duva put together another all action card, with over 2,500 fans paying $5,603 to witness and enjoy the show. In the featured bout Jay Anderson, 155, Philadelphia, stopped Bob Drovizzi, 156, St. Albans, N. Y., in 1:58 of the eighth and last round, when referee Joey Harrison halted matters due to a deep cut over Bob's right eye. Jay was ahead on the ref's score card when the end came.

Leroy Allen, 164, Paterson, floored Cleveland Zanda, 161, St. Albans, twice as he took down a six round decision. Frankie Repino, 160, Oyster Bay, N. Y., rallied in the last round to nod Marion Guzzo, 162, Easton, Pa., 6; Bobby Klier, 155, Paterson, whipped Billy Richow, 157, N. Y. C., 4; Bert DeWitt, 142, Paterson, decisioned Frank Grimes, 144, N. Y. C., 4; Referee Mickey Greb wisely threw both Arnold DiMarzio and Sonny Luciano out of the ring for rough housing tactics in the third round of their grudge match. Both of the boys were fined their full purse by Commissioner Joe Walker. They have been rematched for the next Paterson show and have promised to be good boys and follow the rules.

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA
By Jack Levinson

NORFOLK'S 9TH ANNUAL "MARCH OF DIMES" Boxing Carnival, held at the Norfolk Municipal Auditorium before 3,089 paid attendance, gave chairman Mr. Charles Ford and co-chairman Dr. Edward Myers the satisfaction of a "job well done." The preliminaries were action-packed and the feature supplied a closely contested climax. Bill Mennen, vice-president of the Mennen company and Bill Dillingham, vice-president of Pabst Brewing company, each donated $500 for the Polio Fund. Bill Brown, on behalf of Jim Norris of the I.B.C., presented $1,000 for the worthy cause. The show grossed $11,043.

In the 10 round feature, Joey Giambra, 158, edged out a unanimous decision over crowd-pleasing Al Andrews, 161. Giambria was behind by a narrow margin at the end of the 7th round, but he won the last three rounds on all the ballots of the judges and referee, and that gave him the fight.

In the 8 round semi-windup, Bobby Scanlon, 130¾, Buffalo, edged out a close decision over Pete Kawulia, 128¾.

Monk Reynolds, 170, of Alexandria, Va., won in four over Buddy Keener, 179, Baltimore, Md.

Al Kaleo, 165¾, Baltimore, scored a kayo in two over Benny Deaton, 158½, Durham, N. C.

Earl Clemens, 142½, Baltimore, won over Virgil Peveral, 138, Roanoke, Va., in six.

COVERING NEW ENGLAND
By Charlie Longo

RAY PHILLIPS, 189, PORTLAND, ME., REMAINED unbeaten as he stopped trial horse Jimmy Walls, 188, Englewood, N. J., in the fifth round. Ray punched too hard and too often for the Jersey cutie. Claude Chapman, 180, Cambridge, kayoed Andy Henry, 182, Newark, N. J., in 1:07 of the fourth round in the co-featured bout.

Pat McCarthy, Jr., 122½, Roxbury, rolled to his sixth straight win as he defeated Cliff Brown, 123½, Boston, in four fast rounds. The Holman brothers of Allston both turned in wins as Paul, 152¼, stopped Babe McCarron, 153½, Bangor, Me., in the third and Walter, 149, outscored Don Vincent, 148, Providence, R. I., 4. Joe Devlin, 149½, Jamaica Plains, outslugged Tommy Bell, 150½, Boston, in the other four rounder.

▶Julio Mederos, 193, Havana, Cuba, floored Claude Chapman, 178, Cambridge, for a nine count with a right to the chin in the seventh and pounded his way through the eighth and ninth rounds to take down a unanimous ten round decision. Claude outboxed the bigger Cuban during the first four rounds but then tired under steady pounding.

Bob Woodall, 217, Boston, made short work of Leo Petrias, 188¾, Garfield, N. J., kayoing him in 2:35 of the first. Willie Stevenson, 140, Boston, was too big for Merrill Olmstead, 131, Springfield, and won in 6. Pat McCarthy, Jr., 125½, Roxbury, made it seven straight by outpointing Isaac Thomas, 129, Bangor, Me, 4. Dave Grant, 153½, Boston, held Paul Holman, 152½, Allston, to a draw, 4; and Joe Devlin, 150, Jamaica Plains, decisioned Don Vincent, 144¾, Providence, R. I., 4.

▶Amateur boxing has been drawing very well at the weekly shows held at Rollaway Arena, Revere Beach. Freddy Trozzi is the matchmaker for the HUB A. C.

CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS
By Sal Giacobbe

HARTFORD:— ONE OF OUR STATE'S MOST ENERGETIC boxing enthusiasts, Sam Gulino, is endeavoring to bring boxing to Hartford on a more regular basis. Going it alone, Gulino with veteran Gus Browne as matchmaker, ran their opening show at Fort Guard Hall. Billy Lynch, Hartford's best fighting prospect at the moment, was featured in the main event of 8 rounds. His opponent, Bobby Robinson of Syracuse, was dropped once in the first round, twice in the second and in the third round after decking Robinson once Lynch finished him with a left hook to the body. Lynch weighed in at 147 to Robinson's 154.

In an all Hartford six round semi-final, strong, durable Steve Ward, 138, had too many guns and experience for Johnny Juliano, 132. Ward's best round was the fifth in which he dropped Juliano for an 8 count.

The attendance was 410 payees with a gross of $767.00, partly due to a very stormy evening.

BOXING IN YUCATAN
By Eduardo Amer G

MERIDA: IN THE MAIN EVENT, JOHNCITO RODRIGUEZ, 116, of Cuba, outboxed Lázaro Uribe, 117, most of the way to earn a decision in 10 rounds; Cuban Gilbert Mullens, 131, and César Morales, 130, drew in ten rounds; Carlos Ortíz, 130, only needed one round to stop Ray "Zurdo" López, 135; Negrito Alcalá, 110, who looks good for the future, won as he pleased in four from Panchito Estrella, 112; Ray Valadez, 105, defeated Valente Moreno, 109, in four.

▶CAMPECHE—Pantera de Champotón, 139, kayoed José "Baby" Gamboa, 138, of Yucatán, in the third round; Pantera de Izamal, 121, iced Urbano Velázquez, 117, in the first round. Both are of Yucatán.

▶GOMEZ PALACIO—Manuel "Toro" Rocha, of Torreón, scored an unpopular decision over welterweight Julio César Jiménez, of Yucatán, in 10 rounds.

▶CAMPECHE—Pantera de Izamal stopped Joe Quijano in 3 rounds, both of Yucatán; Negro Medina took a decision from Baby Valencia in eight rounds. Medina is a bantamweight of Yucatán.

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WHAT RECENT INVESTIGATIONS MEAN TO PUBLIC

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with Helfand and other forces of Law and Order.

The new group will be open to all honest managers seeking to do business with honest methods. There will be no boycotts, no coercion, no repressive policies.

Should the old Guild leaders work under ground, Helfand will be on the lookout. He is not going to sleep on his laurels. He knows what he is up against, and he appreciates the wily nature of his opposition. He is taking nothing for granted.

Already the success of the Helfand movement has had tremendous repercussions for the good of boxing.

Clubs which had gone out of business, notably New York's Sunnyside Gardens, have returned to the field.

The smaller clubs, the minor leagues of the ring, gradually will come back, though it is not to be expected that all of the defunct organizations will return to action.

YOUNG RING TALENT INVITED IN AS PROS

There will be more young boxers. Because of the devious methods of Guild leaders, many ring-conscious lads had been scared away from the profession. Once it is impressed on these eligibles that they need have no fear of involvements like those in which Martinez became entangled, there will be a sharp rise in new talent.

Already there has been a great rise in public confidence in boxing. The man who pays his way into an arena, the family which watches a fight on television, know that influences subversive to the best interests of boxing have been routed, that the Department of Justice is watching things, that the New York Commission is not sitting by and letting malefactors do as they please.

Are we now confronted with an ideal situation? No. Far from it. Has the dissolution of the Guild chased Frankie Carbo and his henchmen out of boxing? Emphatically no!

The under-cover crew still are in the game. But they are careful. They are going to remain careful. The effects of their presence will be minimized.

Now, as to the NBA. It should take a more realistic view of things. But it is prevented from doing a complete job by those state commission policies which, for example, let a boxer sign for fights if his manager is under suspension.

Resolution No. 3 has done the NBS no good whatever. Helfand, on the other hand, has done boxing a great service. Great? Perhaps even life saving.

THE MAT WORLD

(*Continued from page 32*)

Schacht but Big Frederick could not turn the kid's head in the direction of heel wrestling. Allen likes to wrestle clean and relies on a jumping toe hold and a flying headlock as his main winning weapon.

Weighing 225 pounds and standing an even six-feet in height, Allen has faced the likes of Ski Hi Lee, Shiek Araby, Buddy Rogers, Baron Leone and the Mighty Atlas.

Allen and Jerry Woods recently teamed to win the Mid-Western States tag championship and Allen and Davey Sims teamed some six months ago to capture the Rocky Mountain crown.

BETTY HAWKINS PROFILE

A BROWN-HAIRED blue-eyed beauty who is taking the mat world by storm is Betty Hawkins, a Kentucky bred gal, who has a great future in the profession of hard knocks!

Several years ago this young lady was bed-ridden, an invalid, despairing to hope that she would ever walk again. She had fallen victim to polio. With the courage and stamina of a real champion, Betty prayed and with the help of her mother, father and hundreds of friends, she recovered.

Today, her sickness seems like a bad dream. She is healthy, normal and perfectly proportioned. (I'll say!)

Betty has 140-pounds well distributed on a startling 5-foot 5-inch frame. Her measurements read: Bust..36.. Waist..26..Hips..36. Her demure appearance is most deceiving to many of her opponents because Betty is a human dynamo when pressed.

As a child she lived with her family in Louisville, Ky., on a large farm. Like all blue grass representatives, Betty has a love for fine horses and is an expert equestrienne. She is also a polished swimmer and diver.

Betty is a home loving girl. The bright lights and gayety of night life holds no glamour for her.

Since turning to wrestling the 22-year old beauty has found her love. She trains hard and is a ardent follower of champion June Byers. Like June, Betty is a sticker for the gymnasium. She spends from two to four hours each day training under the best instructors in the league.

Her mat wardrobe is one of the flashiest in the business. She goes for bright tights and glittering sequin robes.

She is a good cook and loves to prepare fancy dishes. (She's a cute dish herself!)

SHORT ON BETTY WHITE . . . BY BOB UTTER

SLENDER Sleek and Beautiful! That's Betty White.

Standing seven inches over the five-foot mark and rounding into a well distributed 135-pounds, Betty as a child used to dream of growing taller than the average girl. Her inspiration was brought forth by Louis and Robinson.

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Miss White is going on her third year in the struggle for money ranks. Her rise has been fast and before long she would like a crack at June Byers.

A very attractive girl, youngest of nine children in the family, she loves to dance and takes lessons in all the new steps.

Her hobbies are getting and wearing the latest style in shoes and collecting jewelry. She makes her own clothes and loves to design Paris cut fashions.

Some of her opponents to date have been Kathleen Wimbley, Nell Stewart, Penny Banner, Betsie Ross, Betty Hawkins and Babs Wingo. She has faced many more but believe these to be the toughest.

Betty's ambition is to win the crown, make money and retire! Who wouldn't!

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS

By Eddie Beck

▶ STEVE MARCELLO, POPULAR LOCAL STAR, resumed his fistic activities by stopping Tom Jones in two. Steve vacated his N. E. Welter Crown to box as a middle.

Harold "Chubby" Gomes, N. E. Featherweight Champ, added Pat Marcune to his long list of victims, via the KO route.

▶ Curley Monroe, Worcester firecracker, captured the N. E. Lightweight Crown by defeating Gene Butler of Boston.

Bob Bolton, promising local middleweight, failed in his attempt to gain the N. E. Middleweight Crown, in his slugfest with Sammy Walker.

▶ Paddy Demarco beat Jackie Blair in a ten rounder.

Rusty Davis beat Cisco Halley in six.

Teddy St. Jean, fast rising Central Falls lightweight, scored his twenty-sixth consecutive victory.

Don Vincent scored an upset over Pat Cody in his hometown debut.

PITTSBURGH PUNCHES
By Mickey Davies

PROMOTER BENNY ANOLIK STARTED THE NEW YEAR OFF WITH A FISTIC BANG locally, when he produced a well-balanced mitt menu for the digestion of 3,578 truly "hungry" boxing fans at The Gardens, on January 23. Anolik, a comparative newcomer to the promotional ranks, did himself proud in whipping together a most pleasing punch program.

In the top-half of a double feature bill, Reybon Stubbs, 146, East Liberty, won virtually as he pleased over dangerous Curtis Coles, 150½, Rankin, in ten action packed heats. Stubbs had his hands full in the early frames, particularly in the second, when the courageous Coles, bent on a kayo, dropped Reybon for an eight count with a sizzling left hook. Coles had a very good third round as well, but was in serious trouble in both the fifth and tenth rounds. Weight making hurt Coles' chances.

The companion ten was, we're sorry to relate, a bad mis-match. As Jimmy Miller wrote in the Sun-Teley: "The Emil Brtko-Mike DeJohn affair was as one-sided as a phony coin." And it was, too. DeJohn, 196, Syracuse, merely toyed with the obviously inept Brtko, 194, in the opening frame, but was sent out in the second to end it, and he did just that, with a corking left-right combination. Brtko had sustained a fracture of his right ankle when he was belted to the boards in the second round.

In a "special" sixer—a Pier Sixer no less, Wilf Greaves, 152, Jake Mintz' pride 'n joy, closed fast and furious to beat out capable Arley Seifer, 153, North Side. This was a real nip and tuck affair, with both boys unleashing their heaviest artillery from the beginning.

Fritzie McKinney, 146, North Side, decisioned Norman Tucker, 152, Rankin (4). Art Mayoraga, 214, Youngstown, edged Ernie Fann, 195, Cleveland (4).

The show, first since last May, grossed $10,908.75.

▶Quickies—Hymie Schwartz readying Billy Conn for some guest appearances around the nation. . . . Conn is now associated with Schwartz in an auto firm in the Steel City. . . . Joe Luvura may run shows in Jeanette. . . . The local press did a wonderful job in selling the recent show here. . . .Our thanks as publicity director as well as that of promoter Ben Anolik, go out to the gents of the local press, TV and Radio clan, for a job well done.

CLEVELAND NEWS
By Harold Walsh

THE ANNUAL GOLDEN GLOVES TOURNAMENT kept boxing fans locally in Youngstown and Akron busy during the late weeks in January and early February. This Plain Dealer Golden Gloves tournament is one of the best conducted in the country. It was the 29th tournament.

Many Cleveland veteran boxers work at the tournament in various official capacities including Carmen Barth, Matt Brock, Charley O'Connel, Jackie Davis, Young Kivi, Don Gonzales and John Jedd.

The Akron tournament conducted by Harry Krohn, Don Hale, Eddie Atlas and the Amateur Boxing Trainers' association was highly successful and drew 1,100 fans on the final night at the Akron Armory.

Johnny Papke, former middleweight boxer and now a successful manager and trainer, has been staging many fine amateur shows for various clubs in Cleveland.

SWINGS AND HOOKS FROM CENTRAL OHIO
By Less Huffman

THE RECENT VICTORY of GENE FULLMER OVER Rocky Castellani proved a shock to Rocky who was aiming for a title bout. The bout drew 1,487 fans who paid $5,708 and the majority thought that had Rocky extended himself a little more than he did, he would have carried off the victory.

▶The newly organized Veterans of Foreign Wars boxing team hopes to do well in the Golden Gloves tournament. The chairman is Clyde K. O. Jeakle who was a good lightweight back in the "twenties."

▶Jack Laken, veteran fight promoter who puts on shows in many parts of the country, is in trouble with the Ohio Boxing Commission because he tried to persuade boxers from appearing in a Cleveland show, according to Al Bechtold, president of the Ohio Boxing Association.

▶Al Getchel, member of the Columbus Boxing Commission, is of the opinion that if referees will adhere strictly to the rules on foul fighting which they discuss with the boxers before a fight gets under way, such performances as Sandy Saddler gave in his bout with Flash Elorde would never be viewed by the television spectators. He intends to ask the Ohio Commission to warn officials that foul tactics must not be tolerated, and referees who cannot control the fighters should be banned from officiating.

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SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. Jimmie Amann

TROY, OHIO IS FAST BECOMING THE BOOM-TOWN in southern Ohio boxing. Promoter Paul Anthony and his efficient veteran matchmaker, Jack Laken, have staged two programs to date, with a decided pickup in attendance. Troy is only a few miles from Dayton—which long was one of the best boxing towns in the country.

In the last show at the Troy Hobart arena, L. C. Morgan, Teddy Ordanik's Youngstown lightweight, polished off Noel Humphreys of West Virginia in three rounds. Humphreys was down three times and was badly cut on the chin and above one eye when referee Jack Dempsey called a halt to hostilities.

Ordanik's other star, welterweight Art Glass scored another knockout in the semi-final.

At Lake Worth, Fla., Carmen Iacobucci, Cincy featherweight, brother of Pat, fought a 10 round draw with Rudy Ortega on January 19.

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IN AND AROUND CHICAGO
By Lenny Myers

BOXING IN ILLINOIS GAINED new heights the past month. At East St. Louis, promoter Herman Spritz put on his second card at the Ainad Temple. In the main event, Virgil Akins, 146, St. Louis, stopped Mel Barker, 149, Austin, Texas, in the eighth round. Akins, ranked 6th in the welterweight division, showed plenty of class, and Barker, only twenty years old, showed plenty of heart. Two cuts over and under Barker's left eye were opened early in the bout and bled profusely in each round. The doctor at ringside called a halt to the bout as the boys were resting after the seventh round.

Barker proved very willing and forced the fight until the seventh when Akins scored with a hard right causing Barker to grab and hold for the first time in the bout. As for scoring of the bout, Akins was far in front all the way when the doctor intervened.

Jesse Bowdry, 164, St. Louis, stopped Joe Davis, 167, Kansas City, in the first round. Irwin Thatch, 164, East St. Louis, scored a clean one round knockout over Warren Desmond, 159, Indianapolis, in the opening round. Al Jones, 154, St. Louis, kayoed Elmer Carson, 158, Kansas City, in round one. Leroy Green, 166, Kansas City, won a hairline six round decision over Lou King, 161, Chicago. Both boys slugged it out for the entire six rounds with little to choose between the two.

▶Jimmy Carter seems to get all the close ones called against him and his ten round encounter with Cisco Andrade at the Chicago Stadium was no different. After a real sizzler, Andrade was given a split decision over the former champion. Most of the scribes and spectators thought Carter had won.

Carter fought a heady battle, knocking off the left jabs of Andrade and doing a nice job of countering of his own. At the end of the ten rounds the 2,027 fans who forked over a total of $3,618.75, felt that the wrong man was tabbed the winner.

In other bouts, Carlo Sarlo, kayoed Johnny Hobbs in three heats. Sarlo seems on his way to better things. Jerry Mortell, Frankie Sagilio's pleasing lightweight, won a four spot from Luther Bedford. Louis Carr, Chicago lightweight, beat Earl Dennis in six rounds. The show was nationally televised and was an International Boxing Club presentation.

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RATINGS

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Crowe Peele kayoed Willie Hobbs, 4. Augie Turiano defeated Gerry Tessier, 6, and kayoed Octavius Williams, 3. John Gray stopped Stan Mylinski, 6.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Chuck Speiser drew with heavyweight Willie Pastrano, 10.

Harvey Taylor stopped Dave Whitlock, 10.

Tony Johnson lost to middleweight Johnny Sullivan, 10.

Willie Hoepner drew with heavyweight Johnny Williams, 10. Ron Barton squared accounts for previous defeat by outpointing Alessandro D'Ottavio, 10.

Claude Chapman lost to heavyweight Julio Moderos, 10. Willi Besmanoff decisioned British Champion Alex Buxton, 8. Albert Finch drew with Uwe Janssen, 8. Billy Kilgore whipped Georgia Kid, 10.

Jim Persey stopped heavyweight Warnell Lester, 8. Angelo DeFendis stopped Jimmy Garcia, 2. Roque Maravilla kayoed Al Jackson, 6. Lou Perry and Ray Dittrich drew, 6.

Chuck Howell halted Zeke Robinson, 5. Bobby Kink kayoed Roger Fernandes, 2. Artie Miller outscored Al Anderson, 6.

Pat Roberts kayoed Don Bryant, 1. Clyde Watson and Monroe Radcliff drew, 6. Leroy Green outscored Lou King, 6.

Willi Besmanoff stopped Demulder, 4. Dominico Baccheschi halted Orfeo Meneghini, 5. Pat Roberts kayoed Johnny Ford, 4.

Miguel Napoles whipped Jose Casanas, 8.

Jacques Bro won from Glauco Ottagalli on disqualification, 3, but was outpointed by Pedro Klijssens, 8. Dogomar Martinez defeated Dave Bondulich, 10. French Champion Charles Colin kayoed Julio Neves.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Joey Giardello returned to action and kayoed Tim Jones, 10. Jay Anderson upset Rinzi Nocero, 10. Gasper Ortega whipped Tex Gonzales, 6. Ralph Jones kayoed Tony Baldoni, 6. Tiberio Mitri decisioned Louis Trochon, 10. Franco Festucci stopped Ahmed Bouraoui, 3.

Jimmy Martinez defeated Tony Pelino, 10. Dutch Champion, unbeaten Leen Jansen, scored Victory No. 30 by whipping Mickey Laurent, 10. A. J. McCoy kayoed Santiago Gutierrez, 8. Fred Terry kayoed Tommy Smith, 5.

New Zealand Champion, Charley Beaton squared away previous defeat by outpointing Ulf Christensen, 10. Lew Lazar stopped Stan Pasek, 7. Steve Marcello kayoed Tommy Jones, 2. Ernest Burford kayoed Earl Gray, 1. Umberto Paccagnella outpointed Roger Atlan, 10.

Artie Towne outscored Charlie Chase, 10. Joey Giambra outfought Al Andrews, 10; Gil Turner edged out Jackie LaBua, 10.

Willie Troy edged out Del Flanagan, 10. Charley Joseph stopped Moses Ward, 6.

Johnny Sullivan whipped light heavyweight Tony Johnson, 10. Jimmy Beecham whipped Georgie Johnson, 10. Sammy Walker stopped Bob Bolton, 12. Jimmy Morris decisioned Joe Miceli, 10.

Rory Calhoun whipped Jerry Luedee, 10. Santos Gutierrez kayoed Sonora Kid Joe, 1. Luigi Coluzzi upset Australian champion Billy McDonnell, 12. Eddie Thomas awarded hotly disputed decision over Lew Lazar, 8. Johnny Neal whipped Alan Kennedy, 10.

Hardy Smallwood whipped Lou Stanich, 8. Max Resch stopped Claude Milazzo, 5. Sal Perea defeated Bull Halsey, 8. Sonny Gill decisioned Hank Davis, 6. Mike Campbell defeated Bertram Bailey, 8.

Rudy Watkins stopped Bob Perry, 6. Al Kalee kayoed Benny Deaton, 2. Ted Doncaster defeated Carl Jackson, 6.

Al Jones kayoed Lupe Gutierrez, 3, and Elmer Carson, 1. Fred Terry stopped Leroy Allen, 3. Leroy Allen defeated Cleveland Zanda, 6. Jimmy Hopkins defeated Frankie (Kid) Anslem, 6.

Frankie Repino whipped Marion Guzzo, 6. Jimmy Hegerie whipped Alfonso Flores, 8, but lost to Al Pellegrini, 8. Abe Cruz whipped Howard Lee, 6.

Terry Rindel beat Marion Simms, 6. Bid Nethers whipped Jerry Fowler, 6. Rusty Davis decisioned Tony Dell, 6.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Art Aragon kayoed Ramon Tiscareno, 2. Ernst Zetzmann drew with Pierre Wouters, 8. Walter Tyler stopped Dave Cochran, 2.

Peter Waterman defeated Kid Gavilan, 10. Tony DeCola won over Henry Winchman, 6. Bob Murphy whipped Jackie O'Brien, 10. Ernest Ramos whipped Curtis Woolwine, 6, and drew with Al Boudreaux, 6.

Tony Armenteros won over Gus Acosta, 10. Jean Ruellet outscored Constant Alcantara, 10. Angelo Cutino defeated Mario Moreno, 10.

Barry Brown decisioned Ricardo Marcos, 12. Stan Harrington kayoed Carlos Chavez, 5. Isaac Logart outscored Ramon Fuentes, 10.

Emilio Marconi of Italy won the European title by whipping Idrissa Dione, 15. Iggy Vaccari defeated Dave Grant, 6. Bobby Douglas kayoed Charlie Slaughter, 1. Johnny Hopkins bested Armando Flores, 6. Jimmy Peters stopped Tony Argo, 3.

Virgil Akins kayoed Clarence Cook, 4, and Mel Barker, 8. Johnny Salkeld decisioned Buddy McDonald, 12.

Joe Miceli lost to middleweight Jimmy Morris, 10.

Manuel Rocha defeated Julio Cesar Jimenez, 10. Gunter Hase became German champion by beating Werne Handke, 12.

Gene Poirier outfought Carmine Fiore, 10. El Conscripto kayoed Miguel Burciaga, 2, and bested Enrique Esqueda, 10. Charlos Chavez outscored Jimmy Dupree, 10.

Stan Harrington kayoed Mickey Rhodes, 2. Rocky Randell outpointed Dennis Pat Brady, 10. Reybon Stubbs scored over Curtis Coles, 10.

Charley Scott halted Lou Stanich, 6. Dick Lane kayoed Chuck Putney, 4. Frankie Ippolito whipped Frederico Escalara, 8. Alfredo Cota kayoed Memo Garmendia, 9, and drew with Pinkey Peralta, 10. Earl Clemmons defeated Virgil Peveral, 6. Bill Miller defeated Yo Yo Lewis, 8, Yo Yo stopped Gerry Fraser, 2.

Barry Allison kayoed Charlie Thompson, 2. Herbie Rodriguez whipped Vince Bonomo, 6. Manny Castillo stopped Chuck Courtney, 6. Luciano Gonzalez bested Jess Bogart, 10, Jess Gabriel Diaz, 10.

Bobby Sanders drew with Gerry Black, 6. Tony DeCola defeated Tony Sansone, 6. Andy Figaro defeated Bobby Shell, 6.

Wilf Greaves bested Arley Siefer, 6. Pete Ruiz stopped Rudy Landeros, 4. Louis Carr bested Earl Dennis, 6. Tommy Berg defeated Gerry Fraser, 6. Carlo Sarlo kayoed Johnny Hobbs, 3.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

World Champion Wallace (Bud) Smith upset by 19-year-old Larry Boardman, 10 (non-title). Joe Brown kayoed Arthur Persley, 9. Jean Paternotte decisioned Jo Woussem, 8. Felix Chiocca stopped Mohamed Chickaoui, 9, and Maurice Auzel, 9. Lahouri Godin halted Roman Dabrowski, 8.

Bruno Visintin decisioned Louis Carrara, 10. Jacques Bataille was edged out by Dutch Champion Piet van Klaveren, 10. Mickey Northrup kayoed Johnny Hart, 8. Joe Lucy polished off Gordon Goodman, 3.

George Easterling kayoed Pete Carrizales, 2, and beat Luciano Gonzales, 10. Dave Walden kayoed Tony Garcia, 1. Leonard Gaines halted Johnny McCray, 4. Baby Rosales stopped Felix Triana, 6.

Walter Brown kayoed Marvin Hickman, 2. Bobby Garza whipped Danny Wilson, 6. Mike Spataro whipped Al Tisi, 6. Eddy Antonetti stopped Leroy Graham, 6.

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European champion Duilio Loi decisioned Orlando Zulueta, 10.

Cisco Andrade edged out Jimmy Carter, 10.

Johnny Gonsalves outboxed Henry Davis, 10. Don Jordan kayoed Paddy DeMarco, 5. Baby Vasquez kayoed Bobby Cardenas, 1.

George Monroe outpointed Gene Butler, 12. British Champion Frank Johnson lost to Sammy McCarthy, 10 (non-title). Enrique Ortiz defeated Sonny Mendia, 10, and stopped Wama del Castillo, 7. Beto Carbajal defeated Manuel Rivera, 10.

L. C. Morgan halted Noel Humphreys, 3. Al Nevarez outscored Baby Ortiz, 10.

Jimmy Soo stopped Nazzareno Vitale, 4. Ernie Williams whipped Boland Abrams, 8.

Cesar Morales and Gilbert Mullens, drew, 10. Eddie Corma kayoed Manny Davis, 2. Pantera de Champoton kayoed Jose Gamboa, 3.

Willie Stevenson decisioned Merrill Olmstead, 6. German Champion Karl-Heinz Bick held to draw by Jean Santanbien, 6. Gale Kerwin whipped Brian Kelly, 10.

Mike Mitchell kayoed Bob Rubi, 2. Manuel Baptista won over Davey Lee, 10, Lee then bested Chico Arroyo, 6.

Frankie Madison decisioned Jimmy Moulton, 6. Chico Arroyo won over Don Chester, 6. Teddy St. Jean whipped Eddie Beck, 6. Juanito Martinez defeated Fidel Lucero, 10. Reyes Lopez outpointed Jose Arguelles, 10. Renato Torres defeated Manny Delgado, 10. Valentin Rangel stopped Roberto Ortega, 3.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

World champion Sandy Saddler retained his title by stopping Gabriel (Flash) Elorde, 13.

Paul Jorgensen edged out Teddy Davis, 10. Jean Sneyers decisioned Andre Valignat, 10, but was stopped by British Empire Champion Hogan (Kid) Bassey, 4. Harold Gomes stopped Pat Marcune, 9. Pierre Pace halted Jacinto Santin, 8. Italian Champion Altidoro Polidori outfought Bobby Ros, 10. Miguel Berrios halted Bobby Courchesne, 5.

Rudi Langer drew with Jules Touan, 10. Ruben Salazer upset Lauro Salas, 10. Vic Ponce defeated Eddie Hernandez, 10.

Candy Lopez scored over Billy Walker, 6. Wayne Cooke stopped Sandy Alvarez, 2. Black Bill decisioned Manuel Prescott, 6.

Len Walters outscored Teddy Hall, 10.

Paul Jorgensen decisioned Lauro Salas, 10. Humberto Carillo stopped Moi Torres, 6. Kid Anahuac kayoed Luis Castillo, 4.

Jean Sneyers drew with French Champion Cherif Hamia, 10. Victor Manuel Quijane defeated Emilo de la Rosa, 6.

Jose Cotero stopped Russ Tague, 4. Rodolfo Francis and Isidro Martinez drew, 10.

Julian Velasquez defeated Eddie Hernandez, 10. Genaro Serafin whipped Beto Coaury, 6. Larry Vasquez kayoed Kito Martinez, 6.

Baby Gonzalez defeated Jose Paredes, 6. Gil Velarde decisioned Sonny Mendia, 10, and Frankie Sequiera, 10. Felipe Sosa stopped Memo Martinez, 2. Cleo Lane won over Nunu Randle, 10.

Vince Delgado kayoed Jimmy Roybal, 3. Wayne Cooke kayoed Baby Comacho, 1. Tito Valles defeated Baby Beau Jack, 8.

Rudy Ortega and Carmine Iaccobucci drew, 10. Dave Walden outpointed Kid Campeche, 8. Bobby Scanlon edged out Pete Kawala, 8.

Jimmy Moser stopped Bobby Robleto, 4. Paul Pacheco decisioned Fitzie Fitzpatrick, 8. Leroy (Casey) Jones whipped Eli Scott, 6, and bested Chico Rosa, 10. Gerry Simpson decisioned Claude Bonin, 6. Roberto Bolanos defeated Lucio Gonzalez, 10, and Roy Hernandez, 10. Chico Gonzalez drew with Roberto Quinones, 8. Bombon Kiriz whipped Ramon Gonzalez, 10. Borrego Camarero whipped Raul Torres, 10.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Pierre Cossemyns won from Robert Meunier, 10. Italian Champion Piero Rollo trounced Jesus Rubio, 10. Cuban Champion Orlando Reyes retained his title by kayoing Benjamin Rodriguez, 6.

Panama titleholder Melvin Bourne retained his crown by stopping Byron Cumberbatch, 7. Miguel Lazu bested Manuel Mosqueda, 8.

Mario D'Agata whipped Little Cezar, 10. Raton Macias kayoed Joe Chamaco, 4, and Lucio Torres, 6. Rudy Coronado bested Chucho Tello, 10.

Henry (Pappy) Gault stopped Jimmy Calcutt, 7. Otilio Galvan surprised by beating Fili Nava, 10. Luis Castillo bested Americo Rivera, 10, but was stopped by Kid Anahuac, 6.

Pimi Barajas decisioned Luke Sandoval, 10. Ricardo Moreno lost to Memo Diez, 10. Gildardo Bacho stopped Memo Sanchez, 9.

Alphonse Halimi scored his tenth straight pro win, and ninth by kayo, by stopping Antonio Diaz, 6.

Johncito Rodriguez outscored Lazaro Uribe, 10. Emilio de la Rosa whipped Baby Navarro, 10, but lost to featherweight Victor Manuel Quijano, 6. Freddy Viscarro drew with Jimmy Abeyta, 6. Lucio Gonzalez lost to featherweight Roberto Bolanos, 10.

Claudio Martinez and Victor Asprilla drew, 6. Pantera de Izamal kayoed Urbano Velazquez, 1, and Joe Quijano, 3. Ricardo Manzanillo Jr. kayoed Kid Casanovita, 3. Rogelio Saucedo kayoed Jorge Valverde, 6. Raul Leanos whipped Manolo Luna, 10. Jose Luis Bautista scored over Nacho Escalante, 6. Manuel Rojas whipped Rodolfo Jimenez, 6.

FLYWEIGHTS

Memo Diez upset bantamweight Ricardo Moreno, 10. Tanny Campo defeated Vitichai Kunoi, 10. Chucho Tello lost to bantamweight Rudy Coronado, 10.

Cliff Eskridge kayoed Maurice Treadway, 8. Dommy Ursuwa whipped Leo Zulueta, 12.

Negro Medina whipped Baby Valencia, 8.

Malcolm McLeod outpointed Dick Currie, 8. Manny Ortega defeated Via Zapata, 6. Vic Compo whipped Spur Cola Kid, 6. Roy Emil stopped Stots Kid, 5.

World Champion Pascual Perez defeated Antonio Gomez, 10 (non-title). European Champion Young Martin decisioned Moncef Fehri, 10. Charles Bohbot drew with Henri Schmid, 8. Jose Ogazon defeated Francisco Correno for vacant Spanish title, 12. French Champion Guy Schatt trimmed Pino Dionisio, 10.

LA LAGUNA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCES

By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

MOISES "MOY" TORRES LOST THE MEXICAN FEATHERWEIGHT championship in La Laguna when he unexpectedly was stopped by Humberto "Hamlet" Carillo. Carillo put up a fine battle and it is now hoped that he will get a match with Sandy Saddler. An effort is being made toward that.

▶ Arena "Obrero", Torreon:—Roberto Bolaños, 126 Mexico City, won a decision over Lucio "Borrachito" González, 121, La Laguna Bantamweight King, after ten well-fought rounds. In the 10-round semi, Juanito Martínez, 131, Mexico City, bested Fidel Lucero, 132, local newcomer. In other ten, Raul Leaños, 119, kid brother of Old Juan, whipped veteran Kid Manolo Luna, 122.

▶ And that was all for the month. Address me at Apartado #219, Torreon, Coahuila, Mexico.

THE FIGHTING IRISH

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Boston has had a few better all around ring artists than Jimmy Walsh, a one time bantam title claimant

Walsh, a boxing wizard, was in his heyday during the early years of this century. He enjoyed great success against the best little men of his time excepting Abe Attell, who was a bit too much for him. Walsh lost three times to the former featherweight king in 1906 and 1907.

The Twin Sullivans, Jack and Mike were among the best of the Brother Acts in boxing history. These balding namesakes of the great John L. were scientific boxers of the old school. Jack, the heavier, was also considered the better of the two, but both of them rated high among the fighters of a half century or so ago. They were natives of Cambridge, Mass.

Old time welterweight Honey Mellody, with a name more suited to the musical comedy stage than the ring, belied his fancy nickname when he swung into action. He was good enough to win a couple of decisions over the original Joe Walcott, quite a trick even though the fearsome Barbados Demon had seen his best days when he got around to meeting Mellody.

The three Gardner brothers, George, Billy and Jimmy, although born in Irelnd settled in Lowell, Mass., and became New England favorites. George went on to become the first recognized light heavyweight champion, and Jimmy and Billy were consistent campaigners during the early years of this century.

New Englander Eddie Shevlin had a cultured style of boxing. Fantastically clever, the best welters of the Twenties had their troubles solving Eddie's canny defense. One of the few to defeat Dave Shade, Shevlin found time between bouts to instruct Dartmouth students in the manly art of self defense.

Pat McCarthy of Boston met a lot of good heavies in his time, but the top ranks were a little beyond the reach of Pat. The same thing went for Tom Kirby, a good puncher and boxer, who never quite reached the heights predicted for him after a sensational amateur career.

Andy Callahan, a good southpaw lightweight and a real contender during his fighting days met a hero's end on a World War II battlefield.

Oldsters perk up at mention of Matty Baldwin, a rough and ready lightweight, active just before World War I, who made quite a hit in bouts in New York City. Young Donahue was another Celtic standout from up New England way. After becoming quite a card in New England, some 30 years ago, Young Kloby was exposed as owning the legal monicker of Tommy Corcoran. One can't help wondering why such an apt fighting name as Corcoran should have been converted into Kloby but there must have been a reason.

The New England states have had some wonderful fighters of non-Irish origin, Willie Pep, Rocky Marciano, Louis 'Kid' Kaplan, Bat Battalino, Delaney, Sharkey, and the recently passed on Sam Langford, but the great John L. set the fighting New England tradition and it is fitting that this St. Patrick's day sees young Bob Murphy attempting to carry it on.

Twenty-one year Joe Erskine undefeated heavyweight from Cardiff, Wales who is being presented with the Award as the Best Young Boxer of 1955 by the London, England Boxing Writers. Joe has a lone draw to mar his record in 26 bouts.

NEW TEXAS THREAT

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Before becoming a protege of McClendon, Jorgensen had twenty-three fights, of which he won twenty. His best wins being over the veteran lightweight Eddie Bertolino, Joe Vasquez, Bobby Garza and Santiago Gonzalez.

Since then Paul in 20 bouts has won 19, his lone defeat coming on a spit decision to the then high ranked 126 pounder Teddy (Red Top) Davis. A rematch between them saw Jorgensen gain a split ten rounds decision.

Among the most impressive wins on his slate are those over former world bantamweight king Harold Dade, whom he kayoed in 4, Henry (Pappy) Gault who Paul outpointed and Joe Boland from whom he won the Texas championship. While mostly a good boxer with a fine left hand, he is a sharp counter-puncher who has scored an even dozen kayos while winning 39 of 43 starts. The Eyes of Texas are on Port Arthur's Paul Jorgensen.

FROM OUR READERS

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Fitzsimmons defeated James Corbett on March 1897. I was at the ringside in Los Angeles in 1906 when Tommy Burns, the Canadian, defeated Jack O'Brien.

In your February issue I see the picture of Gordon Wallace, a Brantford boy defeating Randy Turpin. Your magazine is most interesting. I couldn't do without it.

Sincerely,
Tom Brown, Brantford, Ontario, Can.

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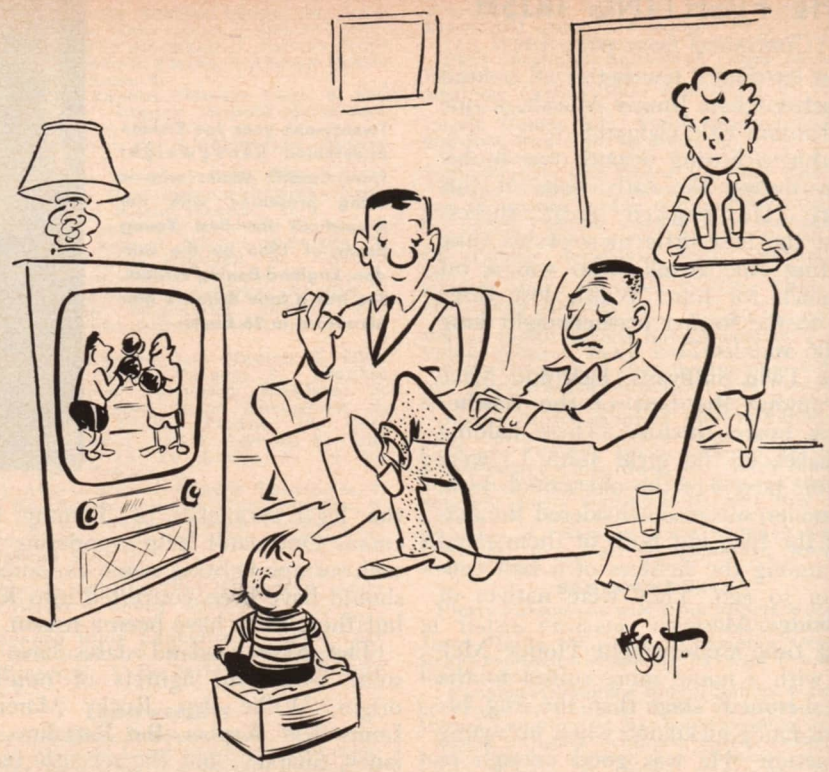

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GERMAN BOXING DIARY
By J. A. Tree

HAMBURG: MAX RESCH, 72.6 KILO, OF STUTTGART, beat Claude Milazzo, 73.2, of France, in five rounds at the Ernst-Merck Halle before a crowd of 8,000. In the first round Milazzo was in trouble and was dropped. His left eyelid was cut in the second round and bled profusely until his manager prevented him from going out for round five.

Undefeated Gunther Hase, Berlin, won a twelve rounds decision over Werner Handke, Berlin. Harry Mistol, 66.5, Hamburg, won his first pro fight, halting Joseph Munnichoff in three heats. Butje Wohlers, 61, Hamburg, won a four rounder over clever van Eyck.

Erich Walter, 72.5, Hamburg, halted Jan Schoen, Holland, in the sixth round. Manfred Schneider, Frankfurt, outscored Snucky de Bruin, Holland, over four rounds.

▶ Dortmund: Heinz Neuhaus, former EBU and German heavyweight champion, outpointed American Rex Layne in a ten rounder at the Westfalen Halle. It was a rip-roaring affair which provided ten exciting rounds. At 97 kilos, Neuhaus was fast and was hitting hard. Layne scaled 98 kilos.

Will Besmanoff, Berlin, outpointed Alex Buxton, former British champion, over eight rounds. As the bell sounded ending round seven referee Hans Linke stepped in to part the boys who had not heard the gong. At the moment Besmanoff was launching a punch that caught both Buxton and the third man. The Englishman went to the canvas and the third man fell on top of him. Linke got to his feet groggy and Buxton was helped to his corner by a second. The referee could not continue—he had lost his glasses earlier in the round—and referee Baron Bergstroem took over for him.

Albert Finch, Croyden, shared points with Uwe Janssen, Hamburg, in a heavyweight contest over eight rounds. Erich Schoppner, Witten, European amateur champion, won his first pro contest, halting Werner Munch, Manheim, in the second round of a light heavyweight go.

Heavyweight Gerhard Rode, Iudenscheid, outpointed veteran Heinz Seelisch, Kiel, in a four round contest. Karlheinz Bick, German lightweight champion, was lucky to get the decision over Jean Santambien, France, at the end of their six round bout.

FROM TOKYO
By F. N. Miike

BOXING GOT OFF TO A GOOD START for the New Year in Japan with the staging of the annual New Year's boxing shows featuring four title fights. The results saw two new champions.

Teruo Onuma wrested the middleweight crown from Hachiro Tatsumi and Speedy Akira regained the flyweight title from Mitsutada Ogami.

Toshiharu Ogoshi retained his 133 lightweight belt in a battle with Hideo Toyoda, 134½, and Hiroshi Okawa, 133, his featherweight crown against Kiyoaki Nakanishi in the International Stadium.

All four of the title bouts were 10-rounders and televised.

▶ The first boxing event of 1956 in Japan was put on in Tokyo, with two title fights as attractions. In one of the double main events, Ogoshi won a questionable, split decision over Toyoda. Toyoda, fighting his first bout after a layoff of two years, and his first 10-rounder, impressed scribes with his fast jabs, fancy footwork and combination punches.

In the first of the two main events, Okawa punched out an easy victory over Kiyoaki Nakanishi. Okawa thus successfully defended his title for the sixth time, all in a row. He took all the rounds.

▶ In Osaka, Onuma, 154, and Tatsumi, 152, put on a brawling battle that ended in a draw and had the crowd of 4,000 yelling from start to finish.

On January 9 in Toyko, the Akira-Ogami title fight drew in close to 4,000 spectators at the Shiba Public Hall. By winning, Speedy Akira cut short Ogami's reign of three months as the flyweight king.

Akira, who is now the flyweight title-holder of Japan for the third time, weighed 109½ and Ogami 111.

▶ The Tokyo Boxing Writers Club, Japan's premier organization of boxing reporters, selected Shigeji Kaneko, Orient featherweight champion, as the top boxer in 1955. Kaneko will now go to Hawaii and the States.

Others honored by the club were featherweight champion of Japan, Hiroshi Okawa, as the most active fighter; Jiro Sawada, only 17 years old, as the newcomer of the year, and the best bout of last year, the Orient lightweight title fight between Sawada and Masaji Akiyama in August.

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